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Reagan stymied on Arab arms deals

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Despite a strong pitch from the Reagan administration for its proposed $1.9 billion arms sale to Kuwait, both houses of Congress voted recently to block the deal.

The congressional moves come shortly after the legislators vetoed a proposed multi-billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia. The Saudis promptly turned to Great Britain and concluded a $35 billion purchase of sophisticated arms, including 50 Tornado fighter aircraft.

A senior administration official claimed during a visit to the U.S. of the Kuwaiti prime minister that not only would the proposed sale support U.S. policy interests in the gulf, but it would also provide major economic benefits.

The emphasis on the economic factor followed a White House statement that President Ronald Reagan expressed "regret" that Saudi Arabia has decided on the arms purchase from Britain.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the sale by the British was "a $30 billion loss that American companies might be fairly upset about."

The administration later warned that Kuwait wants advanced fighters that will serve them into the 1990s and "if we don't sell them to them, they will go elsewhere."

The administration official's remarks came as he briefed reporters on the visit to Washington by Kuwait's prime minister, Crown Prince Shaikh Saad Abdulla as-Salim as-Sabah.

Kuwait is seeking 40 F/A-18 fighter planes, 300 Maverick "G" missiles, 200 Sparrow missiles, 120 Sidewinder missiles, 40 Harpoon missiles, 400 laser-guided bombs and 200 cluster bombs.

Despite administration warnings, Rep. Lawrence Smith introduced a resolution along with 113 co-sponsors to block the proposed $1.9 billion sale.

The Senate did not introduce similar legislation, but voted earlier to amend the foreign aid bill to ban the sale of Maverick "G" or "D" missiles to Kuwait through Sept. 30, 1989. The Mavericks are considered essential to the effectiveness of the aircraft.

The Reagan administration is largely blaming Israel and its politically influential supporters in Congress for the Saudi decision to turn to Britain for its next generation of sophisticated military equipment, Washington Jerusalem Post correspondent Wolf Blitzer reports.

Administration officials said Israel's own national security interests, ironically, will now suffer because the huge British deal, involving advanced jet fighters, attack helicopters and other items, will have no restrictions attached.

U.S. arms transfers to Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, would have included strictly-enforced contractual limitations on the use of weapons, including how and where they could be deployed, the officials said.

In recent years, the Saudis have been deeply frustrated and embarrassed by fierce opposition from pro-Israel congressmen. Some sales have been scaled back while others have been completely blocked.

Speaking on the proposed arms sale to Kuwait, a White House statement noted "Kuwait has come to the U.S. and asked for the legitimate and necessary tools to provide for its own defence of the vital Persian Gulf.

"Congress has repeatedly asked what the Gulf states are doing for their own defence; Kuwait has answered it wishes to do more and indicated a preference to work with us

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Kitty Dukakis active in Jewish affairs

Seder in the White House?

Just a few days before the Atlanta Democratic convention, STEVE ROSE, co-publisher of The Atlanta Jewish Times and The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, held an exclusive telephone interview with Kitty Dukakis, wife of Michael Dukakis, Democratic presidential candidate who is currently governor of Massachusetts.

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Kitty Dukakis, who is Jewish, has been married to Michael Dukakis, who is Greek Orthodox, for 24 years. This is her second marriage.

She has a son from her first marriage, John, 30. She and the governor have two daughters, Andrea, 22, and Kara, 19.

Katherine Dukakis (nicknamed "Kitty") was raised in Brookline, Mass. Her maiden name, Dickson, was changed from Denchin by her great-grandfather as he and his family traveled from Russia to Ellis Island.

Her father, Harry Dickson, plays 1st violin for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Her mother is deceased.

Although Kitty Dukakis was raised as a Jew, she had no formal religious education. If her husband is elected, she would be the first Jewish person ever to reside in the White House.

Kitty Dukakis studied and taught modern dance for more than 30 years. She has earned several degrees, including a Master of Arts in broadcast and film from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts in education from Lesley College in Cambridge.

She has served on several Jewish organizations, including the President's Commission on the Holocaust and the executive committee of the New England Anti-Defamation League, and has taken activist positions on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Kitty Dukakis also has been involved in human rights, the homeless, as well as the arts. In Boston, she works with Hadassah and United Jewish Appeal.

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ROSE: One of your most important functions as First Lady would be as a role model. Some have voiced concern that as an intermarried Jew you might be a poor role model for those Jewish youth whose families discourage intermarriage. What is your reaction to that?

Kitty Dukakis and her husband, Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, wave to supporters.[Canapress photo]

DUKAKIS: I think that's foolishness. I don't pretend that Michael and I are any great example. We have a very good, positive marriage. It is not a negative issue in our marriage. That's an issue that must be worked out before two people who love each other get married and we did that. We both have mutual respect for the other in terms of their right and privilege to practice their religion as they see fit, and we've done that.

I think I'm a stronger Jew for having married

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Arabs planning UN offensive

NEW YORK (JTA) — A major diplomatic offensive against Israel is being planned for the upcoming 43rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, which opens Sept. 20.

According to diplomatic sources here, Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization will step up their anti-Israel rhetoric during the 3-month session of the annual conclave, and will press the world body to pass harsher resolutions against Israel in view of the continued unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Diplomats said the number of countries which will support critical resolutions against Israel may increase sharply in the upcoming assembly, because of the uprising in the territories that began Dec. 9.

Israel has been under fire not only from its arch enemies but also from traditional friends such as the European countries.

"It is going to be a very difficult session for Israel, no doubt," said a member of Israel's mission to the UN.

"We are aware of the fact that the European countries are critical of Israel's policies in the territories, and this is going to be reflected in their public speeches and probably in their pattern of voting on resolutions criticizing or deploring Israel," the diplomat said.

Jewish farm family honored by Ont. agriculture ministry

By MOURA WOLPERT

LYNDEN, Ont. — A Jewish family is among 100 individuals and families awarded the Centennial Award by the Ontario ministry of agriculture and food "for outstanding service to agriculture and the food industry."

The award marks the 100th anniversary of the ministry.

Notified at the end of April in a letter by Agriculture Minister Jack Ridell, the Joe Loewith family of Lynden will be presented with the award at a ceremony this week at Merritt Hall in Ancaster.

The only other area recipient of the award is Charles Munro, former president of International Harvester.

The Loewith family was nominated by the Wentworth County Milk Committee and the Ancaster Agricultural Society. Reading the citation, one senses the high regard and esteem in which the entire family is held.

Joe Loewith, 77, had no farming experience when he arrived in Canada in late 1938 with a group of refugees from Czechoslovakia required to farm for at least five years, as a condition of entry.

Among them was his future wife, Minna Abeles, whose father and grandfather had managed — but never themselves worked — farms in Czechoslovakia.

Joe worked hard, acquiring his farming skills as a hired hand.

In 1947 the couple bought "a neglected 94-acre farm with a herd of 20 nondescript Holstein cattle." Nine years later, Loewith was named "premier breeder and exhibitor" at the local fair.

His three sons, Harry, Carl and David, hold degrees in agriculture but while Harry left in 1973 to set up his own operation near Woodstock, Carl and David remained on the family farm.

Minna Loewith, meanwhile, kept the books, looked after family and farm hands and helped with chores.

In 1979 Carl and David were named Farmers of the Year by the Federation of Agriculture for Wentworth. In 1980, David received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Holstein Canada and in 1986 he was named an official judge by Holstein Canada. And there have been numerous other honors and awards.

Model dairy farmers today, the Loewiths own 240 acres and 240 head of pure bred Holsteins. They have been host to delegations from countries all over the world, including Israel, are visited regularly by school classes, and are involved in various agricultural education projects.

From the start, says Minna, who acts as family spokesman, "we have always made it clear that we are Jews."

They have been members of Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton, where Carl is currently 1st vice-president and his wife Verna has been active in sisterhood for over 40 years. David is a JCC board member. His wife Bonnie is a physician.

"I have every reason to be proud," says Minna, who has always loved farming. "I am proud of the fact that I married a farmer, that my three sons are farmers." Already several of her eight grandchildren are taking an interest and showing cattle at local fairs.

Spanish Jew named to govt.

MADRID (JTA) —

The first Jew to serve in the Spanish government since the Jews were expelled from Spain nearly 500 years ago was sworn into office recently.

Enrique Mugica Herzog, a 56-year-old Socialist activist from San Sebastian, in the Basque region, was sworn in as minister of justice. His appointment was part of a reshuffling of cabinet posts by the ruling Socialist Party.

Mugica Herzog, whose mother is Jewish, is vice-president of the Spanish-Israeli Friendship Association. He has been described by the press here as one of the political figures mainly responsible for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel two years ago.

A Communist leader said Mugica Herzog's appointment to the cabinet will strengthen Spain's ties with Israel and constitute a blow to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although himself formerly a Communist, Mugica Herzog is regarded as one of the leading ideologists of the Spanish Socialist Party and a close associate of its leader, Premier Felipe Gonzales.

He has been quoted as telling friends he has three loves: Spain, his native Basque region and Israel.

As justice minister, Mugica Herzog will be involved in matters concerning church and state relations. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest and most powerful denomination in Spain.

World-National

Anti-semitism exists despite glasnost

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On the day on which Comrade Melnikov of Siberia openly attacked Comrade Gromyko and three other party stalwarts at the Soviets' path-breaking national conference, I went to hear a report from four Torontonians who had just returned from a visit to the Soviet Union. What they told and what the media reported about the practice of *glasnost* (openness) pointed up the sharp difference between talk and deed.

Rabbi Plaut

The four (all from our synagogue) were Rabbi David Azen, Anne Moorhouse, Laura Jacob, and Jonathan Wasserman. The latter two are teenagers, the first time that their age group had been included in this kind of mission. The money for their trip had been raised by their youth group over the last two years. Here are some of the highlights of their report which I thought worth remembering.

Glasnost had permitted the visitors to meet with Refuseniks without any interference from state authorities. Still, a good many of the Refuseniks did not want their names to be mentioned publicly. *Glasnost* is one thing, the treatment of Jews another.

To be sure, there is a world of difference between a visit today and the time when I went to Russia with a group of rabbis in 1966. Then, everything was totally secretive, and a Jewish airline stewardess who met with us let us know the next day through a friend that she had been questioned and that under no circumstances should we communicate with her again.

But even today, despite the opportunity of visiting more freely with foreigners and speaking more openly about being Jewish, anti-semitism, too, has gone more public. Apparently the official reasoning goes like this: if pro-Judaism is permissible, so is full anti-Judaism, and a movement called Pamyat (Memory) has made its appearance in the Soviet Union. Its members remind the public that many of the earlier Communists who committed crimes against the people were Jews (they especially pinpoint Trotsky and Kaganovich), and Pamyat wants Russians to believe that the evils of the past were the fault of Jews and the manifestations of a worldwide Jewish conspiracy. (Not a new theme exactly, but sure to find believers.)

Tales of Refusenik families were much like those I had gathered from other visitors, but that evening in late June I heard them related from the unique perspective of youth. Our youngsters had identified with their counterparts in Refusenik families, and poignantly compared their hopes and possibilities with those afforded young people in Israel and Canada. They showed pictures of a boy 17 years old who next year would have to go into the army. Being the son of a known Refusenik he would likely be assigned to a company known as "no goodniks" and suffer two years' worth of ignominy. And afterwards he would not be able to emigrate for another seven years, because he would be considered as possessing "state secrets."

Above all I remember one telling remark made by one of our young people. After a while one goes into the habit of seeing things through the eyes of the Refuseniks; as if secrecy and deception are natural parts of life. Our Canadian visitors had a lesson on the nature of freedom and its opposite. They also had a potent lesson in the indomitable courage of the families they visited and in the power of Jewish ideals which are not bound by time and space. Our youngsters, like all who visit Refuseniks, came back stronger and better Jews.

Finally, there was the tale of a Jew from Leningrad who had been picked to meet with President Reagan on the latter's state visit in Moscow. He was sure that he would be picked up by the police on his way to the railroad station, just long enough to skip the meeting. So he had friends buy the ticket; he spoke to them publicly about going at a certain (faked) time; friends took the suitcases to the station some days in advance; and finally he and his wife arrived at the station just minutes before the train left, and did so by crawling through a fence at the back of the depot. *Glasnost* . . .

There is hope that things will change, but there is also the reality that at the lower levels they will not change for some time, and that meanwhile Jewish life and hope need to be nurtured and sustained.

Would receive $70-$100 million worth of oil

Israel stood to gain in pipeline deal

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON (JTA)— E. Robert Wallach, the close friend and associate of outgoing U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese, has confirmed that Israel stood to receive between $70-$100 million worth of oil a year for a decade as part of a politically-sensitive deal involving the construction of an oil pipeline between Iraq and the Jordanian port of Aqaba.

Wallach, in an interview with this reporter, described in great detail for the first time his own role in the ill-fated affair.

He denied that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres or the Labor Party was offered any "bribe" by wealthy ex-Israeli businessman Bruce ("Baruch") Rappaport whose huge Swiss company had joined forces with the San Francisco-based Bechtel engineering and construction firm to build the proposed $1 billion pipeline.

But Wallach, a San Francisco-based lawyer who was paid $150,000 by Rappaport to represent him in Washington, noted that Rappaport had indeed informed him that he was planning to make large-scale campaign contributions to both the Labor and Likud parties.

According to Wallach, Rappaport told him in 1985 he had been routinely supporting both Israeli parties as well as numerous other Israeli causes over the years.

"The guy is terrific," Wallach said, referring to Rappaport. "He is absolutely dedicated to Israel."

Wallach, who has been indicted by a special U.S. prosecutor in connection with his activities in the unrelated Wedtech arms contract scandal in New York, and Meese are expected to be cleared of any criminal wrongdoing in the Iraqi pipeline affair when another special U.S. prosecutor formally releases his findings, perhaps later this month.

On July 5, Meese announced his resignation after being privately informed that no criminal indictments would be forthcoming in the second special prosecutor's report. He insisted that he had been competely vindicated and, therefore, could leave office honorably.

Wallach, who on the advice of his attorney had maintained a firm silence on the pipeline allegations until now, decided to go public with the completion of the governmental investigation.

Although both he and Rappaport stood to make large amounts of money from the Iraqi pipeline deal, Wallach insisted they also were motivated to back the project because it was in Israel's own best interests. He recalled that his mother had been for many years the executive secretary of the Jewish National Fund in Los Angeles.

The pipeline, which was never built, would have quietly brought Israel, Jordan, Iraq and the United States together in a major cooperative project, Wallach said. The political ramifications were well understood by Peres and other Israeli officials, he added.

In addition, Wallach said, Rappaport had made a "side deal" with Peres, who was then Prime Minister, which would have enabled Israel to receive between $700 million and $1 billion worth of oil over a 10-year period. One of Rappaport's companies had been tapped to operate the refinery facility in Aqaba.

The project had the strong backing of the state department and the White House. But it also required Israel's cooperation since the Iraqis were demanding strict assurances that Israel would never bomb the pipeline — as it had done to the Iraqi nuclear reactor at Osirak in June 1981.

Peres, in a letter to Rappaport, offered those assurances. But the Iraqis also demanded heavy U.S. financial involvement as a further guarantee.

Rappaport had brought Wallach into the picture in order to win U.S. governmental support for that kind of financial commitment to the project. Wallach was supposed to use his contact with Meese to press the issue.

Throughout 1985, the project was enthusiastically supported by then national security advisor, Robert McFarlane, and other U.S. officials. Secretary of State George Shultz had removed himself from any involvement in the deal because of his prior employment by Bechtel.

But by early 1986, the new national security advisor, John Poindexter, had come out against any U.S. financial guarantee. The Iraqis, then losing their war with Iran, also began to lose interest. They instead pursued a contract with a Franco-Italian consortium to build an alternative pipeline through Kurdistan to Turkey.

Last February, the pipeline story exploded when it was disclosed that the special U.S. prosecutor, James McKay, was investigating Meese's role, especially following allegations that the attorney-general had ignored a suggestion to "bribe" a foreign official — in this case Peres. This would be a violation of U.S. law.

The alleged suggestion was contained in a Sept. 25, 1985, memo from Wallach to Meese describing the oil pipeline deal in great detail. A portion of the funds going to Israel, Wallach suggested in that memo, would be diverted "directly to Labor."

Wallach, in the memo, said his information came from Rappaport, whom he identified as "B.R." Thus, he wrote at the time: "B.R. has been financing private polls for quite a long time on behalf of Labor-Peres."

After noting in the document that Israel would receive between $65-$70 million a year for 10 years, Wallach added: "What was also indicated to me, and which would be denied everywhere, is that a portion of those funds will go directly to Labor."

There was no mention in the memo of any campaign contributions going to the Likud.

In the July 6 interview with this reporter, Wallach maintained he had been "sloppy" in dictating the memo. He said he had never intended to suggest that Peres or the Labor Party would receive a bribe in exchange for their cooperation with the Iraqi pipeline deal.

Iowa civil rights chairman resigns after racist controversy

NEW YORK (JTA) — The chairman of the Iowa state advisory committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has resigned his post, following controversy over his public support for racist ideas.

Dr. Ralph Scott recently submitted his resignation by letter after the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith challenged his suitability for the position.

Jeffrey Sinensky, director of the ADL's civil rights division, received a letter July 5 from Dr. Murray Friedman, the commission's acting chairman, notifying him of Scott's resignation.

In early May, Sinensky told the commission Scott was unsuitable for the position because of his "insensitivity" to racial and religious minorities. Sinensky spoke after two articles blasting Scott appeared in the Des Moines Register and The Nation magazine.

In 1972, Scott approvingly reviewed "The Dispossessed Majority," a book that charges that the United States is degenerating as its northern European majority is displaced by "inferior" peoples, such as Blacks, Hispanics, Jews and people of Mediterranean origin. The review appeared in Spotlight, a publication of the anti-semitic Liberty Lobby.

The book, written by Wilmot Robertson, a pseudonym, also vilifies Jews for having such traits as "intrusiveness, disputatiousness and haggling" and alleges that they are dispossessed represented in the "inner circles" of the American government.

Discussing the "Jewish problem," the book says that "separation is obviously part of the solution."

Robertson also publishes a magazine, Instauration, which seeks to prove the Holocaust was a hoax.

Scott called The Dispossessed Majority a valuable book, because it throws a "bright, clear light on facts which our politicians have kicked into dark corners. For those 'majority' Americans who seek to understand their cultural heritage, this book is a family must."

In 1975, Scott himself published a book, The Busing Coverup, using a pseudonym, Edward Langerton. The book's publisher, Howard Allen Enterprises of Cape Canaveral, Fla., also published The Dispossessed Majority.

According to a May 7 article in The Nation, written by University of Illinois history Prof. Barry Mehler, Scott also organized anti-busing groups throughout the United States; was in 1974 an Iowa gubernatorial candidate of the right-wing American Party; and received grants from the Pioneer Fund, an organization that subsidizes academic racists who seek to prove the intellectual inferiority of Blacks.

Mehler claims Scott also used Pioneer funding to study "forced busing and its relationship to genetic aspects of educability." He also wrote that since Scott was appointed to the commission advisory committee, he has written regularly on how Black children suffer under desegregation.

In hia resignation letter, Scott said: "I have concluded that adverse and inaccurate publicity has significantly impaired my effectiveness as a representative of the commission. I believe that my record on civil rights is clear; upon completion of my service with the commission, I anticipate making continued contributions to the goal of a color-blind society."

Murray Friedman, who is also regional director of the American Jewish Committee in Philadelphia, thanked ADL for its disclosures about Scott and said he concurred with the assessment that Scott's "enthusiastic review of a bigoted book is inconsistent with the attitudes and role of a civil rights official."

But Friedman, who was not on the commission at the time of Scott's appointment, said he had been "informed by commission staff, including the regional director who oversees the Iowa regional committee, that during Dr. Scott's tenure on the committee, there was no reflection in his performance of the views embodied in that book."

It is not clear who nominated Scott to the position in 1985. John Eastman, director of congressional public affairs for the commission, explained that regional offices, commissioners and other staff members will often recommend people, to be approved by the regional office.

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What's been happening during CJN's vacation

East Germany seeks improved Jewish relations

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In a week that saw continued clashes between Palestinians and Israeli security forces and a doctors' strike against the Israeli health system, the Jewish world was bolstered by reports that East Germany was showing an interest in improving its image in Jewish circles.

World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman said chances are good for a speedy agreement with East Germany to make available reparations for Jewish persecutees of the Nazi era.

Speaking in West Berlin, Bronfman described as "historic" the East German decision to pay reparations.

Bronfman was expected to meet with East German Communist Party boss Erich Honecker to discuss the issue.

The Communist regime has in the past consistently rejected reparations payments on the grounds it bears no responsibility for what happened during the Nazi era.

Most observers believe the sudden willingness to consider reparations stems from a desire to win Jewish goodwill, particularly in the United States.

Analysts believe the East Germans think American Jews exert enough influence in Washington to gain for them the coveted most-favored-nation trade status.

Meanwhile, an East Berlin court imposed stiff sentences on young, anti-semitic vandals, further fueling the belief that East Germany is trying to demonstrate good will to Jews.

Five unidentified youths were given prison terms ranging from 2½-6 years. The West German press described the sentences as extremely severe.

The five were found guilty of desecrating the Jewish cemetery in Prenzlauerberg, where 222 gravestones were overturned.

In meetings with Heinz Galinski, head of the Central Council of Jews in West Germany, Bronfman also reportedly touched on the scandal involving the late Werner Nachmann.

As chairman of the Central Council until his death in January, Nachmann allegedly embezzled millions of dollars provided by the Bonn government for reparations to former Jewish persecutees.

The funds were administered by the Central Council, and only Nachmann and the council's former secretary, Alexander Ginsburg, had access to them.

Amid growing indications he may have been involved in the embezzlement of more than 30 million marks ($12 million U.S.), Ginsburg was officially dismissed from his post, to take effect Aug. 31.

Ginsburg had been under suspension for six weeks while authorities and the Jewish community investigated his alleged involvement in the scandal.

Ginsburg and Nachmann were the only council officers who had access to the funds.

Ginsburg has denied any wrongdoing or prior knowledge of malfeasance by Nachmann. But he has confirmed that Nachmann had transferred about $15,000 from the reparations fund to Ginsburg's wife, though she was not entitled to the money.

He also admitted he held about $75,000 from the reparations account in a numbered bank account in Switzerland. In that same account, Ginsburg maintained about $1 million in "reserve" to pay ransom if Nachmann were kidnapped.

Even after Nachmann's death, Ginsburg did not return the money until the embezzlement scandal became known.

In southern Lebanon, 22-year-old paratrooper Lt. Ori Maoz was killed in a skirmish with Palestinian gunmen while on a routine patrol searching for katyusha rocket launchers just north of the Israeli-controlled security zone.

The patrol came under heavy fire from gunmen concealed in dense undergrowth. Maoz was wounded and died on the way to hospital. Three gunmen were also killed in the clash.

Hezbollah, the extremist, pro-Iranian Shiite faction, said its gunmen were involved in the incident.

In Israel, the 7-month-old Palestinian uprising escalated with the Israel Defence Force's top-ranking officer saying it is not likely to end soon.

IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Dan Shomron said the IDF's task is "to reduce the violence to the level where we can live normally, (but) there is no possibility of eliminating the problem."

Two Palestinian youths were killed following outbursts of violence earlier in the week. Israeli military sources blamed the new outbursts on agitators who urged Palestinian youths to leave their classrooms and confront Israeli soldiers in the streets.

Classes had just resumed following a 5-day shutdown aimed at preventing such incidents.

In response to the disturbance the West Bank civil administration immediately shut down six schools whose students allegedly took part in the attacks. They will remain closed until the end of the school year, authorities said.

The death toll since disturbances began in December stands at more than 220 Palestinians and four Israelis.

In other news from Israel, authorities ordered the expulsion of 10 Palestinian activists described as key figures in the Arab uprising. All are members of Al Fatah, the PLO's largest faction headed by Yasser Arafat.

Announcement of the deportations came after a 2-day general strike organized by the Palestinian underground leadership. Commerce, schools and public transportation in the territories were shut down completely.

In Strasbourg, France, the European Parliament decided to postpone a vote on ratification of three economic and trade agreements with Israel out of fear the required majority could not be obtained.

Many supporters of ratification among various political factions preferred the delay to another setback in relations with the Jewish state.

A canvass of deputies indicated the measure would fall short of the 260 votes needed to carry it in the 518-member assembly, the European community's legislative body.

The deputies therefore endorsed a proposal by West German Socialist Rudiger Hitzigrath to put off the vote until the assembly's October session.

Israeli diplomats in Strasbourg, while publicly expressing regrets, agreed privately with the decision. A negative vote would have sent the economic measures back to the EC's Council of Ministers, where the rotating chairmanship is held by Greece, considered the most pro-Arab of the 12 EC member states.

Israel signed the agreements with the EC last year, but the normally routine ratification was denied last March as a rebuff to Israel for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

In the United States, a poll conducted in April for the American Jewish Committee showed American public sympathy for Israel has declined since the beginning of the Palestinian uprising, with sympathy for Arab nations up.

Support for Israel declined by 11% since February 1987 — from 48% to 37% — while sympathy with the Arab nations increased by only 3%, from 8% to 11%.

In Israel, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim threatened to resign if the cabinet approves a proposed 5% salary increment for doctors at public hospitals.

Nissim said he urged cabinet to reject the increase because it would undermine the existing wage structure in the public sector intended to reduce inflation.

The increase is at the centre of a compromise agreement reached by health ministry and Histadrut representatives to end the current health care crisis. It would compensate doctors for second shift duty in operating rooms that would reduce the huge backlog of patients waiting for non-emergency surgery.

The doctors, demanding extra pay, have been applying selective work sanctions against state-run hospitals and those of Kupat Holim, Histadrut's health care agency.

Israeli police are cracking down on counterfeiters who are producing phoney U.S. dollars. Sgt. Nitsav Savir of the Petah Tikva force examines counterfeit $100 notes seized by his crime-busting unit. [IPPA photo]

The doctors and nurses rejected it outright, saying it did not address their needs. The nurses say the arrangement appears to have been made to satisfy doctors' demands for extra pay for extra shifts, but ignores nurses' demands for higher single shift salaries.

Estimates of the backlog of patients seeking non-emergency surgery range from 15,000-45,000.

In Japan, Arab groups are expressing concern about a possible backlash resulting from criticism by Jewish groups of widespread anti-semitic literature.

A spokesman for Arab League countries indicated "Israel's apologists in the U.S." are using objections to the spate of anti-semitic literature in Japan as a means of pressuring Tokyo into closer relations with Israel.

Mideast analysts in Japan interpreted the Arab spokesman's comments as a thinly veiled attempt to lobby Tokyo not to improve ties with Israel, and also to interpret overtures from the Jewish community as anti-Japanese.

In late June, Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno became the first Japanese minister ever to visit Israel, a trip he made despite strong protests from Arab ambassadors.

A spokesman for the Israeli embassy said the League spokesman's allegations were "completely without factual basis," noting the long and well-documented history of anti-foreign and anti-Jewish literature in Arab and Moslem countries.

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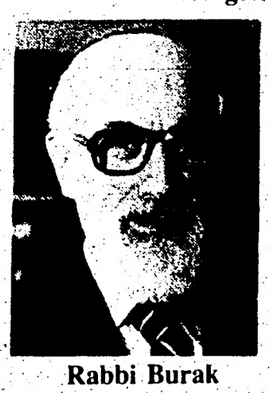
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: If someone goes into hospital for treatment, may one visit him right away? Or, is it perhaps wiser to give him a few days to himself, to get adjusted to his new surroundings?


Rabbi Burak

When I checked into hospital recently, my dear rebbitzin handed down the rule that there were to be no visitors for the first three days. It was a good ruling, and she made it stick. The hospital authorities were told of her ruling, and they showed more respect for the rebbitzin's rules than some shuls show for a rabbinic ruling.

Their attitude was that a lady who had more than 40 years experience as a rebbitzin should be listened to carefully. I heartily endorse that position, especially when the rebbitzin is really quoting from that ethical almanac the Shulchan 'Aruch, that guides observant Jews on all matters. The Code, Y.D. Chapter 345:1, rules that one should wait three days before visiting the sick.

The Code's ruling is based on the perception that when a man turns sick, there is something improper about running to visit him immediately. He may resent it: "Ich shtarb noch nit," so what is everybody running for? But, relatives are not included in this prohibition. They may come right away. Their closeness is the reason for their hurry.

Now is the time for someone to ask: Rabbi, are there not friends who are closer than relatives? Remember what Jonathan did for David, at great cost to himself and to his family, at considerable peril to him. Yes, that's true. Sometimes, those who should be warm turn out to be cool, and vice versa. The halacha provides for such variances, as will be seen.

Within the prescribed 5-day period, while dozing in my hospital bed following surgery, I opened my eyes and saw a distinguished rav standing beside my bed. My friend had come to visit me. I was delighted to see him, and to be able to converse with him.

In the course of our conversation, we chatted about my rebbitzen's rigid application of the Code's 3-day waiting period. I added, however, that this ruling did not apply to him as is seen in the following story told in the Yerushalmy Pe'ah (now available to lay people in the Steinsalz edition, Chapter 3:9, page 93):

"Relatives come to him at once. But, the strangers visit him after the third day . . . Rabbi Chuna, Rabbi Pinchas, (and) Rabbi Chizkiah, went up to visit Rabbi Jose after the third day (of his sickness). Said he to them: 'Towards me you want to apply the text of the Baraitha?' (as if we were strangers. I thought we were relatives)?

Nachmanides deduces from this text in the Yerushalmy that all rabbis are related to one another. There are ties that bind them more closely together than brothers. Their common goals, the dreams they share, their loyalty to Torah, all these make them into one great family.

The distinguished rav left me, after a while, and I dozed on. I cannot remember whether he phoned the same afternoon, or next day, but his words were a continuation of the Talmudic doctrine. Said he to me: "Since we are family I have the honor to advise you that a grandson was born to us. Our daughter gave birth to a son."

And his joy made me feel better. May Hashem be gracious unto us in these difficult days. Let such great joy come that the misery will be forgotten.

Long time Zionist leader

Bloomfield elected JNF president

MONTREAL —

Neri J. Bloomfield of Montreal, a long time Zionist leader, was elected national president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada at the organization's recent annual meeting.

Bloomfield, who succeeds Saul Zitzerman of Winnipeg, has served as national president of both Hadassah-WIZO and the Canadian Zionist Federation and has given her time to a myriad of educational, cultural and social causes in the Jewish community both within Montreal and across Canada.

She married the late Bernard Bloomfield, a past national president of JNF of Canada, in 1943 and the couple had two children, Evelyn Schachter and Harry Bloomfield.

Neri Bloomfield

At the meeting, held at Montreal's Montefiore Club, Leonard Kaplansky, national vice-president, reported the agency experienced "unparalled growth" in the establishment of JNF project foundations by the Canadian Jewish community nationwide.

"The record achievements of 1987 reflect the hard work of a deeply involved cadre of volunteers actively working with our staff and emmissaries in communities throughout the country, highly identified with Israel and with the work of the JNF," Kaplansky said. "The financial report and the honor roll of new foundation subscribers bear witness to what we can achieve together."

The meeting highlighted great support for all JNF projects in Israel including Redeemers of Jerusalem, Canada Park, the Aliza Begin Forest and Jabotinsky Park, Camp Lavi and Galil Canada, the second phase of which is now near successful completion.

At the same time, traditional avenues of JNF activity continued to receive popular support, Kaplansky said. Among these are trees and inscriptions, Blue Boxes and High Holy Day appeals across the country.

Of special interest to the national gathering of leaders was "Operation Retrieval," a project in which JNF of Canada undertook a national effort to replenish the forests damaged by saboteurs.

Michael Goldstein, executive vice-president of JNF, reported on other organizational activities including JNF's commitment to tours and missions to Israel and in the area of educational activities designed to bring youth and adults closer to the Israeli scene.

Other officers elected are Alan Posluns, vice-president; Frances Mandell, vice-president; Yoine Goldstein, treasurer; Karl Taussig, secretary; Robyn Wexler, education and public relations; Sid Halpern, planning and future goals; Irwin Lampert, pledge and redemption.

June inflation rate is lowest in 12 years

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The consumer price index rose by 0.3% in June, the lowest June increase in 12 years, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

A seasonal drop of 13.7% in the prices of fruits and vegetables was credited with holding inflation. Otherwise, the June price index would have been up 1.3%.

The price index rose by 8.5% during the first six months of 1988 and now stands at 115.8 on a 1987 base of 100. In the 12 months ending in June, the index rose 16.1%.

If the trend continues, the 1988 inflation rate will be about 17.7%, compared to the treasury's target of 12%.

Israel's trade deficit for the first six months of 1988 totalled $1.5 billion, 8% less than in the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced. The bureau added that the average monthly level of the deficit for the first half of 1988 was $235 million, down 12% from the average for the second half of 1987.

The drop in the deficit during the first six months was caused by a large rise in exports during the period. They totalled $4.8 billion in January-June, 23% more than in the first half of 1987. Imports totalled some $6.3 billion, 14% higher than in the same period last year. Imports for June amounted to $1.15 billion.

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Keegstra says blaze was arson

ECKVILLE, Alta. —

Jim Keegstra's mobile home was partially destroyed last week by an early morning fire described as an arson attack.

Keegstra, a former school teacher and town mayor, said he was awakened by a loud banging in the pre-dawn hours. Flames were already spreading to the building rafters when he, his wife Lorraine, and two sons left the house.

The blaze was contained by firefighters, who put it out before it reached a natural gas inlet at the corner of the building.

Although the family has not recently been bothered by calls or threats, Keegstra said he is convinced the fire and his well-publicized beliefs are connected.

A jury found Keegstra guilty in 1985 of promoting hatred against Jews. The conviction was overturned by the Alberta Court of Appeal in June when it ruled the anti-hate law unconstitutional.

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Jewish/Arab talks not for public

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA —

Participants in the Aug. 30-31 dialogue between Jewish and Arab Canadians will report on what went on behind closed doors only if they agree to do so, organizer Geoffrey Pearson has told The CJN.

Pearson, the executive director of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS), stressed that the decision whether to report on the meeting is in the hands of the participants, not the CIIPS, as some critics believe.

He said he would broach the subject during the next meeting.

According to Pearson, the criticism levelled about the first Jewish-Arab meeting in late April by some in the Jewish community has not swayed the original participants from agreeing to return to the Chateau Montebello in August.

However Pearson did agree that, in retrospect, "if we tried to balance it more objectively," individuals "satisfying all points of view" should have been invited to the first meeting.

Pearson said the second meeting, which could be the last one under the auspices of the CIIPS and the department of external affairs, will include one or two more individuals from each community.

Pearson also acknowledged that the original decision not to disclose what took place at the first meeting, although an "exception" to the CIIPS' mandate as a public crown corporation, was not that unusual in the sense that many CIIPS seminars never make the light of day.

The controversy about it in the Jewish media has been a reminder of just how "explosive" the Mideast issue is, Pearson said.

Urges increased Refusenik aid

Max Shecter visits Moscow

— By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

A concerted effort is needed now more than ever to get Jews out of the Soviet Union, says a prominent Jewish community leader.

"The pressures that have worked so well in the past — letters to editors, adoption of families — should be continued and stepped up," says Max Shecter, who recently returned from a 9-day trip with his family to the Soviet Union.

During the visit to Moscow and Leningrad, Refuseniks told Shecter — including his wife, Florence, and 34-year-old daughter, Debbie — that things were becoming more difficult for them.

Many long-time Refuseniks are still being denied permission to emigrate and are unable to practice their professions, Shecter said.

For example, Leningrad refusenik Ilya Shostakovsky, a former electronics engineer, told the Shecters he thought he must be the only Jewish chimney sweep in the world.

Shecter said some Western activists are also becoming "almost careless" in their efforts to help Soviet Jews because of the "false impression" being created by the release of many well known Refuseniks and the notion things are easier under the Soviet leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Shecter — national chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation — said he and family spent five days in Leningrad and four in Moscow.

They brought nine suitcases filled with Jewish materials such as books, films, tapes, religious articles, over-the-counter and prescription drugs, Israel-made kosher food and six bottles of Israeli kosher wine.

But it took only minutes to clear customs — officials didn't even check their bags, said Shecter, a former national Soviet Jewry chairman for Canadian Jewish Congress.

In Leningrad, they did "very limited sightseeing," spending most of their time visiting a half-dozen Refusenik families, including Alexander "Sasha" Yampolsky, Elena Kais, and Roald Zelichonok, who was severely depressed.

In Moscow, they met for about an hour with Vernon Turner, Canada's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Although they discussed the plight of Soviet Jews, Shecter said he was left with the impression it was not a priority issue for the embassy.

"We had heard that other embassies — especially the American and Dutch — were very active in their work for Refuseniks," he said.

"It was a little disappointing to find that the same atmosphere did not prevail in the Canadian embassy."

The Shecters also saw eight Moscow Refusenik families, including Yuli Kosharovsky, Vladimir Kislik, Inna Uspensky and Benjamin Charny, who recently received permission to emigrate.

The Shecters gave each family a package of the Jewish materials they had brought with them.

"What struck me the most was the incredible spirit of these people," said Shecter, a transport commissioner for the Ontario Highway Transport Board.

"In spite of the fact that they live under conditions that we would find intolerable, they had maintained their dignity, their hope and their self-respect. They were also more concerned about others than themselves."

Shecter's wife, Florence, said she wished she could have taken all the Refuseniks home with her. "It was hard to leave them behind," the former businesswoman said.

Their daughter, Debbie, added that although things appeared to be more open in the Soviet Union, it also meant there were more opportunities for anti-semitism to grow.

"We were told that there were notices on main streets in Moscow and Leningrad calling for pogroms against Jews," said Debbie, a travel agent and businesswoman.

"Some Refuseniks were frightened, but I don't think they believed it really was going to happen."

For example, Uspensky, a 56-year-old former biologist, told the Shecters: "Pogroms are strange and unusual even in this country and deep down we feel it can't happen, but we're still afraid."

It was Debbie's third trip to the Soviet Union and her parents' first.

The family later travelled via a 4-hour stopover in Bucharest to Israel, where they spent 2½ weeks attending the recent World Zionist General Council and Jewish Agency's general assembly.

Max Shecter, his daughter Debbie and wife Florence (from left) visit with Leningrad Refuseniks Galina Zelichonok and her husband Roald.

Scientists protest UJA's stand on Law of Return

MONTREAL —

The Federation of Canadian Jewish Scientists has registered a "strong protest" against a position on the Law of Return taken by the American United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations of North America.

The scientists oppose the action the groups took in publishing an advertisement in the Israeli daily Haaretz urging members of the Knesset to reject the amendment to the Law of Return that would recognize halacha as the only criteria for defining conversions to Judaism. (The Knesset rejected the amendment recently.)

"We are outraged that the UJA and CJF, which are organizations that are supported in good faith by the community at large, should turn around and, using these funds, crusade for something that a goodly percentage of their contrubutors strongly and deeply oppose," said Prof. A. Boyarsky, of Concordia University, Montreal, spokesperson for the scientists' federation.

"Surely it is self-evident that it is the present situation, where the Orthodox will not recognize a Conservative or Reform conversion and the Conservative will not recognize a Reform conversion, that causes division within our people. Only by amending the law to stipulate that conversion be defined by halacha, the one and only method of conversion that all movements agree is valid, will world Jewry be united," Boyarsky said.

"In the name of truth and fairness we strongly urge you to publicly retract from your stance and involvement in the Who is a Jew issue."

Ottawa approves multiculturalism bill

OTTAWA —

The House of Commons has given unanimous approval to Bill C-93, the Canadian Multiculturalism Act, which will formally entrench multiculturalism as law of the land.

Despite concerns that the bill was too weak, both opposition parties said they would support the legislation.

"The bill is a solemn recognition by the Parliament of Canada on behalf of all Canadians of the fundamental importance of multiculturalism in our society," Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner told the Commons.

The Jewish Quiz

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2. What is the most frequent letter in the Torah?
3. What is the least frequent letter in the Torah?

ANSWERS:

1. 304,805.
2. The letter *Yod* — it appears 31,530 times.
3. Final *peh*, it appears 834 times.

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Edmond Y. Lipsitz

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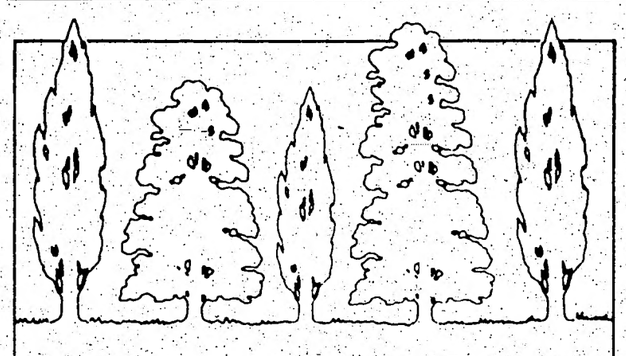

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Jews warned of renewed anti-semitism

50th anniversary of Italian race laws marked

By
RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) —

Fifty years ago, on July 14, 1938, a group of fascist scientists published a racist manifesto that became the official rationale for anti-semitism in Italy.

It marked a major step by Benito Mussolini to align fascist Italy with Nazi Germany. The manifesto was an Italian version of the Nuremberg Laws.

It affirmed the existence of biologically "superior" and "inferior" races. The Italians, so went this myth, were pure Aryans. Jews were not part of the Italian race and, by definition, inferior.

At the time, there were about 50,000 Jews in Italy, almost completely assimilated. Their contributions to the nation, especially in scientific fields, were far out of proportion to their numbers.

Within months after the manifesto was published, the regime promulgated race laws. Jews were forbidden to intermarry with Italians. They were forbidden to practice many professions, to serve in the armed forces or to hold public office.

Jews were limited in the amount of property and other holdings they could own. They were forbidden to go to vacation resorts, employ Aryans, own radios, publish books or even have their names listed in the telephone directory.

Beginning in December 1938, a long list of scientists and university professors were dismissed from their jobs because they were Jews.

This grim 50th anniversary occurs at a time when the Jewish community has warned of a possible new wave of anti-semitism in Italy. This time, Jews are being made scapegoats for widespread displeasure with the way Israel is dealing with the Palestinian uprising.

The events in the Middle East, however, may be no more than a pretext for those who harbor anti-semitic prejudices to publicly indulge them.

What caused the explosion of anti-semitism in Italy in the late 1930s? The highly respected newspaper La Repubblica explored the subject in a 4-page supplement recently.

In a brief introduction, La Repubblica suggested "Italians believed that Mussolini had to bow to pressure brought to bear by the Nazis, or that he wanted to claim an Aryan dignity for our people so that the Germans would not consider us inferior."

Unleashing a violent campaign against the Jews may well have been motivated by a deep inferiority complex. But there was no single turning point. The manifesto of July 14, "was consistent with all that had gone on before. The seeds were already there," the newspaper said.

It published a long interview with Emilio Segre, who was forced to leave his teaching post at the University of Palermo in 1938 because he was Jewish.

Segre, who won a Nobel Prize in physics in 1959, was living in the United States in the summer of 1938. He simply did not return home. Now, at age 83, he still lives in California and is active at the University in Berkeley.

"It was one of the most shameful moments in the history of our country," he told La Repubblica. "People don't remember, maybe they don't want to remember. The young people don't know anything about it. It's up to us to tell them, to put them on their guard so that such infamy does not happen again," Segre said.

The fascist race laws not only affected the personal lives of Jews, Segre said, but they led to "a hemorrhaging of Italian culture which slowed down the progress of our country."

In other words, there was a brain drain. "Mussolini could not have done a more stupid thing," Segre said. "He cut off a leg of Italian science which at that time was flourishing."

Segre cited as an example the field of higher mathematics. When the race laws were passed, 30% of Italian scholars in that discipline were Jews.

"They were swept away overnight," Segre said. "If we think of physics, the great (particle) accelerators today are found in three places: Geneva, Chicago and California. If what happened had not happened, there may also have been one in Italy," he said.

Segre noted Italy was first a refuge for Jewish scholars and scientists fleeing Hitler's Germany and there were close links between Jews and non-Jews in the intellectual community.

Why did Mussolini resort to anti-semitism? According to Segre, "he wanted to do the least damage — to get rid of a few thousand Jews didn't seem to him so serious.

"With the manifesto and the race laws, Mussolini succeeded in doing what he wanted, that is, to ally himself with Nazi Germany."

Benito Mussolini

"A complete lie," Shamir says

Talks with PLO denied

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Prime Minister's office has dismissed as "nonsense" a report that Israel is secretly negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization for an interim settlement in the administered territories.

The report is totally untrue declared Avi Pazner, Premier Yitzhak Shamir's media advisor. The PLO is not acceptable to Israel as a partner to negotiations, he said.

Shamir later termed "a complete lie" a statement by Arafat aide Bassam Abu-Sharif that the Prime Minister had proposed the PLO take over civil administration of the territories.

Pazner and Shamir was referring to an interview with Abu-Sharif published by the French news agency, Agence France Presse.

According to Abu-Sharif, Israel and the PLO have been negotiating for some time, with Romania serving as intermediary. In fact, Shamir made an offer to a high-level Palestinian delegation in Bucharest late last month, Abu-Sharif claimed.

According to the PLO official, the Israeli leader proposed the PLO take over many of the functions now handled by the Israeli civil administration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That would be in line with the Camp David autonomy model, which prescribed a large measure of self-rule for the Palestinians, leaving Israel in charge mainly of security matters, pending a final peace settlement.

According to Abu-Sharif, the Palestinian counter-proposal was for an interim period during which the United Nations would govern the administered territories and a plebiscite would be held to determine their future status.

The Agence France Presse interview marks the first time a ranking PLO official has spoken explicitly of an interim settlement with Israel. Abu-Sharif challenged Shamir to deny his story, claiming he has the necessary documents to prove its authenticity.

Israeli policymakers are not impressed. They believe certain elements of the PLO have embarked on a peace initiative calculated, among other things, to portray Israel as the obstacle to Middle East Peace.

Abu-Sharif's statement is seen by some in Jerusalem as a tit-for-tat response to reports in Israel earlier that a Romanian envoy had claimed the PLO would be willing to negotiate directly with Israel on an autonomy-style interim solution. The PLO, which was clearly embarrassed by these reports, denied them categorically.

Other sources here speculated the Romanians may be engaging in "creative diplomacy" in an effort to bring Israel and the PLO closer together. Thus, they said, Shamir's espousal of autonomy for the residents of the territories may have been "stretched some" by Romania.

Abu-Sharif's recent document calling for direct Israel-PLO talks in an international conference was dismissed by PLO leaders as well as by both Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Abu-Sharif has given several interviews in the past month in which he has stressed the PLO's readiness to hold direct talks with Israel in the framework of an international conference.

He has gained credibility in some circles. Last month, 15 prominent American Jews, supporters of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, spoke approvingly of a document Abu-Sharif circulated at the recent Arab summit meeting in Algiers.

It was titled "Prospects for a Palestinian-Israeli Settlement" and envisioned the eventual creation of an independent Palestinian state coexisting peacefully alongside Israel.

The American Jews saw it as the "clearest expression thus far, by any Palestinian official," of a readiness to negotiate with Israel.

The Romanian connection also gained some credibility for the PLO official.

Shamir acknowledged he had received a private message from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, but he refused to divulge its contents to the cabinet.

That raised speculation the message was a proposal for peace talks from the PLO. It was delivered by a special emissary of Ceausescu, Konstantin Metea, to Shamir and Peres. Peres also kept mum.

Israeli sources said the PLO's offer was for an autonomy-style interim arrangement in the territories. The sources said both Israeli ministers rejected it.

But according to Abu-Sharif's French press agency interview, the interim plan was offered by the Israelis, but turned down by the Palestinians, who prefer United Nations supervision during an interim stage.

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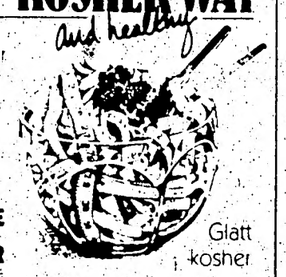

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

If Tisha B'Av has been a black day in Jewish history, Tu B'Av (the 15th day of Av, this year July 29) has been much brighter. The Talmud lists the lifting of the curse on the Israelites in the desert among the events celebrated on this date.

The slanderous report against the land of Israel caused a night of weeping among the Israelites of the Exodus. On that night, Tisha B'Av, the adults were condemned to die out in desert wanderings and only their children permitted to enter the Holy Land.

Each year on Tisha B'Av, according to legend, they came to dig their own graves individually and lie in them until morning. Thousands did not awake. On that day nearly 40 years later, all awoke. Fearing a miscalculation of dates, they remained in their graves and waited one day, another, and then another. On the 15th of the month, the sight of the full moon convinced them that there was no mistake. All Israel rejoiced that the decree against them was over.

It was also on Tu B'Av that:

• God resumed speaking to Moshe again, after 38 years of silence.

• The tribes were allowed to intermarry. The problem of inheritance, which threatened to confound their territorial allotments, was settled by allowing only males to inherit land.

Tribe readmitted

Tu B'Av garnered additional laurels as the history of the Jews in their land unfolded. On this date, the tribe of Benjamin was readmitted to the Jewish fold. They were allowed to marry women from other tribes again. In a fratricidal war earlier, the Benjaminites were reduced to a relative handful in number after a punitive campaign against them for their involvement in an atrocity against a Jewish concubine. (The events are described in Judges 19-21:22.)

Hundreds of years later on Tu B'Av, King Hoshea ben Ela removed the guards placed at the frontier of his northern kingdom by his predecessors. The latter sought to prevent the 10 tribes from bringing the Torah-mandated sacrifices to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Temple remained under the auspices of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, when about 200 years earlier Jeroboam led a drawn-out revolt against the forced labor and taxation imposed by King Solomon and then by the latter's heir King Rehoboam. Organized for the building of the magnificent first Temple, the forced labor continued long after its construction, for additional large scale building projects. Jeroboam established a new capital for the northern kingdom, Samaria, and competing sacrificial shrines at Bethel and Dan. Apparently centred around the figures of golden calves, Jeroboam's altars far from satisfied the needs of the northern kingdom's observant Jews.

Also on Tu B'Av:

Dance in fields

• Marriageable girls would dance in the fields surrounding Jerusalem for men to select brides. According to tradition, the girls would borrow each other's robes and gowns in order to dress down for the occasion and camouflage their social standing. The king's daughter would borrow from the cohen hagadol's daughter, the latter from his assistant's daughter . . . and so forth.

• The Roman authorities granted permission for the burial of the dead of Betar. Many thousands had been killed and left lying in 135 CE after Bar Kochba's final stand in a 3-year war of rebellion across the Holy Land. The Betar fighters' burial is commemorated in the middle of the benshing (grace) after meals to this day. The "haTov" refers to God's goodness in preventing the normal decomposition of their bodies, and the "veMeitiv" to His goodness in allowing their burial.

Also on Tu B'Av: the power of the anti-Jewish Moslem Almohades was broken, in 1212; the cornerstone of the Hebrew U was laid, in 1918; and a religious youth centre secretly opened in the Kovno ghetto in 1942.

On this date, the Talmud says, the nights in Israel start getting noticeably longer, allowing field workers and craftsmen more time to study Torah and "add to their lives."

Democratic vice-presidential candidate

Bentsen seen supportive of Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Texas senator Lloyd Bentsen, who Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis has named as his vice-presidential running mate, is considered to have been largely sympathetic to the concerns of the Jewish community during his 18 years in the Senate, although he has supported arms sales for Arab countries.

The announcement was made by Dukakis in Boston just six days before the Democratic national convention in Atlanta. With Bentsen and his wife, Beryl Ann, at his side, Dukakis praised the Texas senator for his "deep commitment to civil rights that goes back to the 1940s."

The selection of Bentsen ended the speculation about Rev. Jesse Jackson, who shortly before Dukakis' announcement, said he would accept the vice-presidential nomination, if offered.

At a news conference in Washington after the selection, Jackson was noncommittal, saying only that Dukakis selected Bentsen in accordance with the governor's campaign strategy, which was his right. But he refused to comment on the selection.

However, he said "Dukakis will make a good President" and "I no doubt will support the ticket that the convention elects."

The 67-year-old Bentsen is considered a supporter of the close relationship between the United States and Israel, as well as an advocate for Soviet Jewry. But he has not been in the forefront of these issues.

His leadership role in the Senate has not been in foreign affairs, but in economic matters, especially taxation. He is chairman of the senate finance committee.

Bentsen has a mixed record on foreign aid, occasionally voting against such legislation, although his opposition is seen by sources as being more against aid in general, rather than the amount going to Israel.

He did not co-sponsor the bill in the Senate to create the U.S.-Israel free trade agreement, but voted for the bill when it was approved overwhelmingly by the Senate.

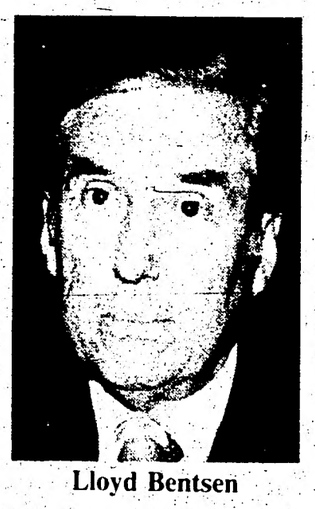
Bentsen co-sponsored the legislation to close the Palestine Liberation Organization offices, supported Senate ratification of the Genocide Convention and is a co-sponsor of the current bill, awaiting Senate action to implement the convention by making genocide a federal crime.

In 1984, Bentsen was co-sponsor of the Senate resolution to move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He also supported the bill to allow persons in the military to wear yarmulkes, and was one of a group of senators who, in 1985, unsuccessfully urged President Reagan not to visit the military cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where members of the Waffen SS are among those buried.

Perhaps Bentsen's most controversial vote, as far as the Jewish community is concerned, came in June 1986, when he voted to uphold Reagan's veto of a joint congressional resolution rejecting a weapons sale to the Saudis. The Senate failed to override the veto by one vote, and the sale went ahead. Bentsen was the only Democrat to switch his vote.

In 1984, he opposed the sale of Stinger missiles to Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and in 1985, he co-sponsored the resolution to deny advanced weapons to Jordan until it begins peace negotiations with Israel.

But in 1987, he was not one of the 68 senators who signed a letter opposing the sale of 1,600 Maverick missiles to the Saudis, which eventually caused Reagan to remove the missile from the arms package.



Lloyd Bentsen

Most recently, he was not among the 21 senators who signed a letter, initiated by Democratic Sen. Dennis DeConcini, urging the administration not to submit a proposed $1.9 billion arms sale to Kuwait.

On domestic issues, Bentsen voted for a constitutional amendment that would have permitted prayer in the public schools. He has supported women's right to choose to have abortions, voting against an amendment that would have forbidden the District of Columbia to use district or federal funds to pay for abortions.

"Lloyd Bentsen's long congressional career indicates considerable understanding and sympathy for many issues of particular interest to the Jewish community — the U.S.-Israel relationship, Sovet Jewry, the genocide treaty," said David Harris, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

"While there may be some concern about some of Bentsen's votes with respect to arms sales to Arab countries that remain technically at war with Israel, overall we view him as a friend with whom we have enjoyed a close working relationship."

David Brody, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, observed that Bentsen has been a strong supporter of Israel and has good relations with the Jewish community in Texas. He said the senator stressed in a recent letter to constituents that by supporting Israel, the United States "advances the cause of peace in the Middle East."

Brody said Bentsen also has emphasized the need to take strong measures against terrorism. And the senator has pushed for an energy policy to lessen dependence on Middle East oil.

Bentsen was first elected to the Senate in 1970, when he defeated his Republican opponent, George Bush, who will be the GOP presidential candidate this year. Bush has not yet named a running mate.

A native of Texas, Bentsen enlisted in the army as a private during World War II and rose to the rank of major. He graduated from the University of Texas with a law degree. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1948 and served there until 1954, when he went into business in Houston.

Palestinian plank removed

ATLANTA —

Defections from the camp of Rev. Jesse Jackson that virtually assured a resounding defeat on the convention floor for his platform plank on the political rights of Palestinians was behind his decision not to seek a vote on the issue at last week's Democratic national convention.

Instead, the Jackson side accepted a compromise, approved by presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis, allowing the proposed plank to be briefly debated, with 10 minute given each side, then having it withdrawn from consideration before a vote.

Jackson's proposal, if passed, would have committed the Democratic Party to support for an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza.

The accommodation was reached after those in the Jackson camp who are most interested in the issue — especially his Arab American supporters — agreed to it. Among them was James Zogby, director of the Arab-American Institute and a key figure in the Jackson campaign's fund raising efforts.

Despite the agreement, Sen. Daniel Inouye, who spoke in support of the party's pro-Israel plank, was subjected to boos during the debate.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the Jackson strategist in charge of his platform proposals, said she recognized the Palestinian issue is "very difficult" because it "divides people.

"Our point was to find a way that would not result in that division," she said.

Norton denied one of the reasons Jackson political strategists decided not to press for a vote on Palestinian homeland issue was out of fear it would be rejected by the convention's 4,162 delegates.

However one source close to the negotiations said an expected trouncing indeed was a factor in not pressing for the vote. There was also the fear such a vote would shine a spotlight on the split between Black and Jewish delegates on the issue of Israel.

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Editorial

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Valid concern

In a recent article in the Toronto Star, one of the paper's columnists highlighted a poll made by a Carleton University professor of political science in which 29 respondents cited the Canadian Jewish community right after the Prime Minister, the cabinet and external affairs itself as a factor in determining Canadian Middle East policy.

William Barton, Canada's ambassador to the United Nations from 1976 to 1980 is quoted as complaining about the political point of view that was reflected in Canada's votes. "It made us uncomfortable in that, regardless of the merit of the case, we were responding to a domestic political situation." An Arab League ambassador is also quoted criticizing "intellectual terrorism" and "election threats."

The highly negative resonances flowing from that totally unscientific poll — from Ambassador Barton's discomfort and from the Arab League representative's spleen — suggest that Jewish lobbying is both sinister and wickedly successful.

We accept neither supposition. Canadian Jews, like all Canadians have the right to organize and represent their views as forcefully as they can. The exercise of that right is part of the democratic process. Only an Arab League spokesman could refer to dialogue in the democratic tradition as "terrorism." Ambassador Barton, for his part, seems not to comprehend the fact that domestic political lobbying can be directly linked to "the merit of the case."

It should be noted that if there is some special passion which Canadian Jews attach to their advocacy on behalf of Israel, or in pursuit of domestic justice, this stems from the painful period of 1933-1948 when a mean-spirited anti-semitism affected the fate of European Jews, and ultimately, Canadian Jews.

The relative immobilism of Canadian Jews during that melancholic period has been replaced, thankfully, by a willingness to participate fully in the democratic discourse.

We are delighted that the voices of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada-Israel Committee and B'nai B'rith continue to use the prerogatives of free discussion available under our Charter of Rights.

Good step

It is encouraging to learn that the province of New Brunswick is taking concrete steps to sensitize some of its high school students to the horrors of the Holocaust.

The province's coordinator of education has announced that grade 11 history students will be receiving two to three weeks of instruction in the Holocaust next year — in response to the perception "that we have not done as good a job as we should have in teaching history."

It would, of course, be easy to carp at the short amount of time to be provided in the new curriculum. Three weeks hardly seems adequate to cover six murderous years of Nazi bestiality.

Given the restraints of the high school program and the academic demands put upon students, three weeks, however, are better than nothing. What is important is that the course material be solid and reflective of what happened during the Holocaust.

Preliminary reports indicate that New Brunswick is indeed serious about the new course. Already high school teachers in the relevant discipline have been exposed to more than 20 seminars on the roots of anti-semitism, the mechanics of genocide and on the motivation of those who deny the Holocaust.

An especially important feature of the new course will be the exposure of Canada's own sorry record of anti-semitism and obstructionism during the Holocaust period. Hugh Duplisea, the course coordinator, indicates that teachers were surprised to learn that Canada had closed its doors to Jewish refugees.

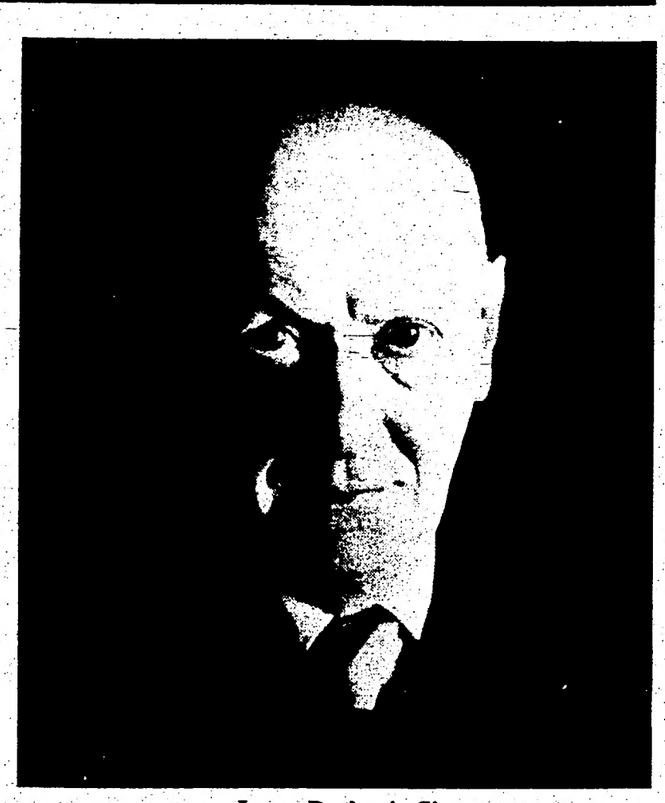
School authorities deny that the planned Holocaust instruction course is a direct response to the presence of Malcolm Ross (the mathematics teacher who has written several books denying the Holocaust) in the New Brunswick high school system but they indicate that the new materials will help teachers respond to students who ask questions about the controversy spawned by Ross.

The introduction of this course will supplement some excellent field trips to concentration camps already initiated by individual teachers in the New Brunswick system.

Reports suggest that the new curriculum is being introduced none too soon. Holocaust deniers in the province have already accused high school teachers of being Jewish dupes at local community club meetings.

The New Brunswick initiative, for all its limited scope, is a step in the right direction. The purveyors of hate are naturally upset by this development. That is a sign that the program is sound.

Aharon Appelfeld



Isaac Bashevis Singer

Czar's death led to emigration

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

If you like to read, you'll be quite pleased to know that the following books, which are reviewed here in capsule form, are now in bookshops...

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With the assasination of Czar Alexander II in 1881, a period of relative liberalism came to an abrupt end, to be replaced by an age of persecution and pogroms in Russia.

What followed was the first great movement of Jews out of Eastern Europe, an exodus that reached epic proportions at the turn of the century as anti-semitism waxed. In *Shores of Refuge: A Hundred Years of Jewish Emigration (Henry Holt, $27.95 U.S.)*, Ronald Sanders, a noted American historian, documents this phenomenon, paying special attention to Russia, Poland and Germany.

Drawing on diaries, interviews, memoirs and reports, Sanders has written a tome — the definitive work on the topic.

Like Irving Berlin, George Gershwin left an indelible mark on the world of American music. Composing a medley of memorable songs (Of Thee I Sing, Strike Up The Band) and brilliant concertos (Rhapsody In Blue, Porgy And Bess, An American In Paris), this protean son of Russian immigrants is the subject of Edward Jablonski's thoroughly-researched biography.

David McLellan's biography of one of the seminal figures of our times, *Karl Marx: His Life and Thought (Gage, $20.50)*, sets the man and his ideas against the backdrop of a continent in ferment. Marx's father, Heinrich, the third son of a rabbi, converted to Christianity. And in distancing himself from his Jewish roots, Marx became the apostle of a new classless, atheistic society. More than 100 years after his death, the ideas he propounded still shake societies throughout the globe.

Yiddishists will lap up *Great Yiddish Writers Of The Twentieth Century (Jason Aronson, $40 U.S.)*, **a massive anthology of essays translated into the new mother tongue, English.**

A testimonial to three generations of Jewish intellectuals dedicated to the creation of a secular Jewish humanism, *Great Yiddish Writers* contains essays by such giants as I.L. Peretz, Chaim Jitlovsky, Chaim Greenberg,, Sholem Asch, Melech Ravitch, Chaim Grade, Itzik Manger and Mendele Mocher Seforim. Joseph Leftwich selected and translated them.

A truly excellent book.

The late Harry Coldoff (1903-1983) maintained an abiding interest in Yiddish language and culture all his life. After his retirement, he began work on this posthumous volume — *A Yiddish Dictionary in Transliteration* (Proclaim, no price listed). Judging by the results, Coldoff obviously put everything he knew into it. Students of Yiddish should not be without it.

In his latest collection of short stories, *The Death of Methuselah (Collins $23.95)*, Isaac Bashevis singer, that master craftsman, is at it again. Singer, the only Yiddish novelist ever to win the Nobel Prize for literature, has produced a generally winning combination. Several of his stories are not entirely up to scratch, but the rest, replete with wicked charm, wry humor and a certain dose of profanity, more than compensate for the lapses.

Aharon Appelfeld has established his reputation in the pantheon of modern Israeli literature. And with *The Immortal Bartfuss (General, $24.95)*, he reinforces it. An acute portrait of a Holocaust survivor living in Israel, this is vintage Appelfeld.

When Primo Levi died in Turin last year, an apparent suicide, he left behind a manuscript that has now been published as *The Drowned And The Saved (Summit Books, $17.95 U.S.)*. Perhaps his most disturbing work, it is a brooding meditation on the Holocaust.

Being one of the central experiences of Jewish history, the Holocaust generates numerous books, some of which are less than satisfactory. The following do not fall into that category:

•*Quiet Heroes: True Stories of the Rescue of Jews by Christians in Nazi-Occupied Holland (Lester & Orpen Dennys, $14.95 paperback)* is Andre Stein's tribute to those who risked their lives and defied the Nazis to shelter Jews. It is, in the end, an inspirational story.

•*And We Are Not Saved (Philosophical Library, $19.95 U.S.)* is written by a survivor of the Warsaw ghetto. Because David Wdowinski was a trained psychiatrist, the insights he offers are quite unusual.

•*Dottore! Internment in Italy 1940-1945 (Mosaic Press, $12.95 paperback)* is a first-hand account of the Holocaust as it unfolded in Italy. Salim Diamand, a Galician Jew who studied medicine at the University of Naples and later immigrated to Canada, was arrested after Italy declared war on the Allies and spent the next several years in Italian concentration camps. "Too little is known about the Italian camps... about Jews in Italy during the war..." he writes. It is well worth reading.

•*Endurance: Chronicles Of Jewish Resistance (Mosaic Press, $24.95* by Amnon Ajzensztadt, is an impassioned story of survival against all odds. Born in Sandomierz, Poland, Ajzensztadt is the ultimate survivor.

•*The Treatment of the Holocaust in Textbooks (Columbia University Press, $30 U.S.)* is a most valuable book. Edited by Randolph Braham, it is a scholarly, balanced examination of the situation in West Germany, Israel and the U.S. In a forthcoming volume, Braham will deal with Hungary, France, the Soviet Union and other countries.

•*A Dictionary of the Third Reich (Collins, no price listed)* is a first-rate reference book, written by James Taylor and Warren Shaw. High school and university students, in particular, will find it extremely useful.

•*Masses and Man (Wayne State University Press, $13.95 paperback)* is a penetrating analysis of the ideas that gave birth to European fascism. Author George Mosse, one of the foremost authorities on modern German history, has a sure grasp of the material. Two of his essays, The Jews and the German War Experience, 1914-1918 and German Socialists and the Jewish Question in the Weimar Republic, are especially interesting.

Some Canadiana...

Frank Rasky, a Toronto writer, has known businessman cum-philanthropist Murray Koffler since childhood. His biography, *Just A Simple Pharmacist, McClelland and Stewart, $29.95)*, is written with admiration, warmth and verve.

Alison Kahn, an American folkorist, has produced a personalized history of the Jewish community of St. John's, Newfoundland, *Listen While I Tell You (The Institute of Social and Economic Research ($23.95)*. Through the words of the immigrants and their children, Kahn brings their rich story to life.

Red Whitaker's book, *Double Standard: The Secret History of Canadian Immigration (Lester & Orpen Dennys, $24.95)* **is an eye-opener, a hard-hitting expose of Canada's hypocritical immigration policy in past years... a policy that kept out Jews and enabled war criminals to enter this country. Whitaker's subchapter, entitled Anti-semitism: The Good Hard-Working Jew Remains in Israel, will not come as any surprise to readers who've waded through** *None Is Too Many.*

Books about religion...

More Stepping Stones To Jewish-Christian Relations (Paulist Press, no price listed) is a compilation of all the official statements by various Christian churches made on ties between Jews and Christians. A handy book to have around the house.

The Bar Mitzvah Book (General Publishing, $29.95) is a handsome keepsake and celebrations of one of the most important rites of passage in Jewish life. Every Bar Mitzvah boy should have one.

For use next Passover — *The Passover Haggadah (Adama Books, no price listed), a beautifully-crafted book with an interpretation by Rabbi Menachem Hacohen and drawings by Haim Ron.*

Opinion

Well known politician dropped from Labor election list

Abba Eban flying high despite political status

By
PHILIP GILLON

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Abba Eban, perhaps the Israeli politician most non-Israelis know best, is in a more buoyant mood than might be expected for one who has been dropped by his party. But Eban, who will not be on the ballot for his Labor Party in the November elections for the Knesset, Israel's parliament, is in really high sprits.

Eban explains that he has spent much of the time since he was not chosen as a Knesset candidate by the Labor Party convention receiving messages of support from all over Israel, and reading glowing press descriptions of his services to the nation, as foreign minister, ambassador to the United Nations, and chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee.

"One usually has to wait till one dies before reading such praise about oneself," Eban told The Jerusalem Post. But despite the eulogies, he does not regard the setback as a kind of political death.

"It's not a tragedy, and I don't feel frustrated," he says. "In Israel, one does not have to be in the Knesset to make a contribution."

He is greatly encouraged by a recent public opinion poll that placed him third in popularity in the party, after party leader Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and far and away the favorite choice for foreign minister.

"Normally, I'm very suspicious of public opinion polls," he says. "If they had taken a poll in the Sinai desert, 70% would have come out in favor of the Golden Calf and against the Ten Commandments. A poll taken a week before Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977 would have been against surrendering any territory to him.

"Walter Lippmann once told me that he thinks democracy is far too important to be left to public opinion polls. But in the case of the polls about me, I'm prepared to accept that they're correct."

He considers the Labor Party internal election, apart from its error in rejecting him for its list of candidates, was a very good one.

"Sadat said once that the only thing wrong with democracy is elections, but I accept that the world belongs to the young. Mind you, not everybody on the Labor Party list is so young." But despite the slap in the face, Eban would not dream of bolting Labor and joining or supporting one of Israel's smaller, left-of-centre parties. "Politics," he says, "are made by the big parties."

But he does not intend to take an intensive part in the election campaign. "It wouldn't make sense to expect me to do so. They chose new leadership — now let them lead."

Still, he regrets that he will be on the sidelines of what he calls Israel's most crucial elections.

"I wish I could withdraw what I said about past elections being crucial. We have never had elections like these are going to be. If Labor forms the government, we will certainly negotiate on the basis of Security Council resolution 242. (Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir, (the leader of the rival Likud bloc) says he won't."

Abba Eban

accepted by everyone."

Under Shamir, the Likud repudiates 242. This appalls Eban. It is as if Israel is voluntarily abandoning the document that gives it a right to exist. And he does not believe that there is the slightest possibility of Israel's getting away with such a repudiation. The whole world will oppose such an attempt.

"In 1948 we achieved an enormously original diplomatic breakthrough," he says. "A minority of 600,000 had the effrontery to claim a state it did not have, and the world community recognized our right. We did not present then a claim to 100% of the territory that had been Palestine, and we accepted that we would share it with another nation. If we had claimed 100%, or had said we would not share, we would have got zero.

"No nation anywhere will ever support a claim by us to 100%. Partition is at the root of our creation. It was a great thing for us when Gorbachev told the Arabs that the Russians support territorial partition according to the borders on the eve of the 1967 war.

"Under 242, we can negotiate territorial adjustments, but not the principle of territories for peace. For us to reject 242 would be like a nation tearing up its own birth certificate."

Eban admits that the Israeli right wing does not present the issue as one of complying with 242. It has sold a large section of Israelis and many friends of Israel abroad, the claim that the fight in the streets of Ramallah and Gaza against the throwers of stones and Molotov cocktails is a fight for the existence of Israel proper, not its retention of the territories.

"That is a very important point," Eban concedes. "There is a great gap between the reality of our power and the myth that we can be easily destroyed. Unfortuantely, we live with our previous memories of our vulnerability as Jews, not with knowledge of our present strength.

"We think of ourselves as being another Costa Rica and of the PLO as having the power of Atilla the Hun or the German Wehrmacht.

"Arafat may be as malevolent as Hitler, but he isn't as powerful. We insult ourselves with this talk about the threat to our existence. The PLO can muster just over 7,000 men with limited arms: you could put the whole lot in Madison Square Garden and still have room for two other conventions.

"They may destroy some individual Israelis, but they cannot destroy Israel. When you ascribe to your enemy more strength than he has, you are working for him."

Regrets being on sidelines for most crucial vote

The whole basis of 242, Eban explains, is recognition of Israel's right to exist; Israeli withdrawal from the territories; recognition of the rights of the Palestinians; and an effort to find a framework for the two peoples to live together.

"(Former Likud Prime Minister Menachem) Begin interpreted 242 this way, correctly, when he left the government in 1970. The PLO excludes itself from consideration for recognition as the leader of the Palestinians because it refuses to accept 242; 242 lays down the rules of the club

Intent on making presence felt

Israeli immigrants help each other out

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

During the period of peak immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe to North America in the earlier part of the century, the new arrivals were quick to set up mutual and self-help organizations, known as landsmanshaften. Their programs ranged all the way from social activity to establishment of loan funds and creation of their own cemeteries. In their day they performed a vital service in easing the integration of the immigrants into North American life.

Immigrants to Israel have in recent years followed much the same pattern. Jews from central Europe, largely refugees from Nazism, set up a body to help each other, and the result became banks, homes for the elderly, and even a political party.

There is an Association of British Settlers, an organization of Latin American olim, a South African organization, and most recently, no less than a dozen different (and sometimes competing) bodies of immigrants from the Soviet Union.

The largest, best organized and most influential of all is the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI), which recently held its annual convention. Delegates represented 19,000 adult dues-paying members, organized in chapters and regions all over the country. There are many, many more Americans in Israel who are not formally affiliated with the AACI.

Like all conventions, this one had its high spots, filled with inspiration and even self-satisfaction, though there was also the usual quota of nonsensical quibbling over meaningless words in frequently unimportant resolutions which no one will ever read.

One of the controversial currents at the sessions was a proposal which would have weakened the constitutional provision that the association is "non-partisan and non-political." The change was not adopted. The policy of avoiding any political affiliations or identification has been the strength of the organization in a country where political partisanship is a national endemic disease. Yet that policy has not prevented individual Americans from entering the mainstream of Israeli politics, like Golda Meir for Labor, in her day, Moshe Arens in Herut, Yehuda Ben Meir in the National Religious Party, and the previous national president of the AACI, Hank Skirball, in Ratz.

Note of elitism detected

An outsider may have detected a note of elitism in the general mood. "We Make a Difference," the title of a well-produced audio-visual show, could well have become the slogan of the convention and of the Association as a whole. The delegates were in effect affirming:

We North Americans who now live in Israel make a difference because we bring to Israel the spirit and mood of American democracy. We make a difference because of the American spirit of volunteerism for civic causes. We make a difference because we have the ability to pull factions together and work together.

And indeed, the North Americans here display a unique spirit of enthusiasm in everything they undertake — with energy and sometimes a naive faith that others share their enthusiasm and sincerity.

Even in their resistance to permitting a thin blade of politicization to enter the association, there was all-around insistence that the members continue their agitation for causes of civic interest. They will continue to promote reform of the health system, combat air pollution, fight road accidents, agitate for a constitution or for revision of the electoral system. The North Americans here are constantly seeking to improve the quality of life.

Attention was given to embarrassing internal problems: how to retain immigrants who throw in the sponge and go back to North America. There was much talk of "cultural shock" and how to cope with a new and different kind of life. Many Americans are drawn to a highly romanticized picture of life in the kibbutz, and then can't make the grade. Perhaps there should be more information and advice for small entrepreneurs: how to go into business in Israel.

The dominant spirit was: how can we help each other, and then, how can we convince our friends and relatives to come here. The trouble is, not enough is known about the AACI and its work. The journalists say we are not "news," one delegate complained. If we were to beat up a few Arabs would that get the AACI into the papers? Will this convention be reported in the press? he asked. Well, it is — in The Canadian Jewish News.

In her report, the outgoing president, Natalie Gordon, spoke of the "values" which North Americans have brought to Israel, and of the "outreach to the larger Israeli community." Americans in Israel do make a difference.

Politics or no politics, they are intent on making themselves felt even more on the Israel scene. If only there were more of them here.

Two Canadians were named to national posts: Aharon Korzen, formerly of Toronto and now of Netanya, and George Promislow, formerly of Edmonton and now of Jerusalem, were both elected vice-presidents.

Opinion

Israel-Diaspora rift a real and present danger

RABBI J. BENJAMIN FRIEDBERG of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue has been on sabbatical in Israel and reports on the current situation there from Jerusalem.

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As some of you may know, I've spent the past few months in Israel and my sabbatical is now drawing to a close. This has been an interesting year to say the least, and most of us have become familiar with Arabic words like "intifada." Others have become familiar with rocks, molotov cocktails and mammoth fires in those lovely Jewish National Fund forests which had become a symbol of Jewish renewal in the land. We've also learned that there is a fair amount of confusion in the Jewish world both here and abroad, making the dream of Jewish unity something to be devoutly wished for.

In this interesting year, many things stand out. But the things that really stand out in my mind, don't appear in the press.

Some weeks ago I dropped into a kibbutz to visit an acquaintance of mine, a former Torontonian. As we left to go home, the wife of the man turned to us and said, "Thank you for coming!" I said, that it was our pleasure, that we were in the area anyways and we enjoyed their hospitality. The woman smiled and said "that's not what I meant — I mean thank you for coming to Israel."

I felt more than sad at the remark. I also felt angry. It's bad enough that Israel feels abandoned by the international community. Does she also have to feel abandoned by Jews?

Enormous numbers of Jews have either cancelled their trips to Israel or have decided that Israel is not an option. Are we, the people of grandiose dreams, frightened so easily? We seem to dream easily enough — are we worthy of our own image? What is our fear all about? First of all there is no need to be afraid. Israel is perfectly safe. Secondly, if we succumb to any possible danger, then what kind of moral quality do we have? What kind of support can we give a homeland, if we are frightened?

Some Jews are coming. Canadian Jews are still coming but not in their usual numbers. American Jews are staying away and the disappointment here with Jews abroad, for a variety of reasons including the stay-aways, is great and justified.

Not so the Goy. Especially the Germans. I never thought I would say "Thank God for the Germans." They are here, there and everywhere. They stroll at leisurely paces through the Old City unafraid.

Many Jews, by contrast, are frightened people. The media's portrayal of Israel as a country in flames has found receptive ears among many Jews. Taking a trip to Israel is seen as foolhardiness or bravery. It is neither, of course.

It reminds me of the story of a Jewish immigrant from Eastern Europe who came to New York alone as a very young man. Eventually he worked his way up, dropped his traditions, married a Gentile woman and moved to Scarsdale. Ultimately he remembers that he has a father back in Poland. So he sends for his father and meets him at the 42nd Street pier. As they ride in the chauffeur driven limousine to Scarsdale, the father realizes that the son has dropped all of the values and Jewish traditions that he knew in Poland. So finally the father asks his son: "Zog mir mein kind, gedenkst noch epes fun der alter heim?" (Tell me, my child, do you remember anything from the old country? And the son answered: "Yo tate, ich geddenk noch epes, ich hob noch moira far a hunt." (Yes father, I remember something. I'm still afraid of a dog.)

Jews have some old fears that are bubbling up. there is the fear of getting hurt. There is the fear of discomfort. (Why go to Israel when you can go to safer places.) There is a more sinister fear. Despite the repeated statements by Jews that they are at home in North America and secure, this sense of self-assurance doesn't stand up too well. Many Jews battered by the media and the release of pent up anti-semitism feel far from secure and this expresses itself often in condemnation of Israel by Jews.

Now, of course, criticism and even condemnation of Israel by Jews is perfectly legitimate, if in fact one doesn't happen to agree with Israeli policy. But in so many cases it is not that at all. So insecure are some Jews that they feel they must criticize Israeli policy and behavior so that they will not be identified with the Israelis and therefore they believe they will remain accepted in the non-Jewish world and their positions will remain secure. Enormous efforts by Jews over the past many decades painted a picture of the Jew as a morally superior creature. Suddenly these Israelis are portrayed as cruel and vicious (of that another time) and so one must prove, must one not, that there are still some civilized morally superior Jews who are still worthy of acceptance. Else why would a Jew publish his or her condemnation of Israel in the non-Jewish media? This whole episode has provided the opportunity not only for the anti-semites to come out of the woodwork, but for all sorts of self-hating Jews to do the same thing.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg

It is interesting how some Jews discover their Judaism at a time like this. It is, however, a limited Judaism — limited to proclamations about morality which compel them to criticize Israel. This kind of Judaism is referred to as "prophetic Judaism." I've always wondered about this prophetic Judaism which envisages thundering self-condemnation and self criticism. The strange thing is that the Prophets didn't know about prophetic Judaism, the Talmud knows nothing about prophetic Judaism. The Gaon of Vilna never refers to prophetic Judaism — because there is no such thing. There are prophets and their preachings — and they preach about Judaism — not about prophetic Judaism.

Prophetic Judaism is an invention of Jews of the last century trying to integrate into a non-Jewish world, who presented therefore, a "civilized" and "liberal" kind of image of Judaism. Prophetic Judaism is referred to today often by Jews who either have never read any of the prophetic books, or only pick and choose those sections of the prophetic writings which fit the image they try to project.

And so with a chutzpah and arrogance together with some American Jewish leaders, they have the gall to preach to Israel about morality and ethics from the safety of their homes. How many of them have had a rock dropped on them or a molotov cocktail thrown at them? How many have seen the forests of Israel aflame? It seems that Israel can do no right in their eyes. I watch daily Arabs of all ages walk in Jewish Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, joking and kibbitzing in perfect safety and security. No one will lift a finger to hurt them. Yet Jews cannot do the same in Arab towns. What is all the moralizing about when, except for a few, the vast majority of Arabs here want us out of the country — the whole country.

While most Jews are confused and hurt, Amcha, the average Jew, is still with Israel, though many leaders including Israeli leaders do their best to confuse them. We can do without Woody Allen's newly found interest in prophetic Judaism — just as we can do without Alex Schindler's moralizing to Israel. But this confusion that is sown has its undesired results. It also highlights the essential weakness if not bankruptcy of Israel-Diaspora relations in its very essence — i.e., the perception of one's attitude and obligation to Israel.

Surely in this hour of Israel's trial, we have to ask ourselves what is this seeming distancing with Israel all about by some or many Diaspora Jews — for distancing it is. We ask that question not about those never very close to Israel, but of the normally concerned Jews. We must face the fact that Zionism has been so trivialized and distorted by almost everyone including leaders in Israel.

Israel has not been presented for what it is — the revitalization of Jewish life through the achievement of sovereignty and the ability to exercise power. This revolutionary aspect of Israel has not been stressed. Rather, Israel has been presented as deserving our support because it is a haven for Jews who have no place else to go **or** because Israel's existence makes us feel good and proud because it makes us look good.

The Six Day War, Entebbe, the only democracy in the Middle East — all of this made us feel good because we looked good or thought we looked good in the non-Jewish world. But now Israel doesn't look so good — she has faults, her soldiers beat Arab women and children, and so it reflects upon us, and we don't look so good. We don't want Israel on the front pages. Why doesn't Israel just go away? Who needs this Israel if it doesn't make us feel so good?

And in our distorted North American value system, the purpose of life is to "feel good." If you don't feel good about something, you leave it.

The problem is that the interests of Israel and the Diaspora are really beginning to diverge and the danger lurking on the not-too-distant horizon is the evolving of two peoples — the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora. Israel has to deal with the non-Jewish world one way or another and the Diaspora is beginning to feel that it must deal with the non-Jewish world in another way. Ironically, what we may be seeing in a tragic fashion is a new twist to De Gaulle's statement that nations have no permanent friends — only permanent interests. So indeed if Israel is there to make one feel good — why visit now?

Of course the answer is that Israel is not here to make us feel good — it is here as the inevitable recall of the desire for Jewish meaningful life and survival. Those who know this come and stand by her. The sight of the Canada-Israel Committee delegates rising to sing Hatikvah as a response to Joe Clarks's speech is a statement of faith in Israel as an expression of Jewish sovereignty.

But we must not minimize the danger of an Israel/Diaspora rift and we must not overlook the fact that Israel/Diaspora relations have been and are faulty. Among the many problems we have this surely is one of the most serious. Effort and honesty must be marshalled to create an understanding of what Israel means and what Diaspora means and how the two shall see each other and associate in a way that does not collapse under severe strain.

So my friends — as I said, it's good to have the Goyim here — may more come. It would be even better to have the Jews.

Nothing changes when kids are gone

By
ELAINE KAHN

The following is a public service announcement: when getting the kids ready for camp, blow your money on rubber stamps with their names and a stamp pad with indelible ink, to mark their belongings. In the time saved from sewing on name tags, you could finally build that deck.

I don't know why the camps don't tell you this, but my understanding of even the basics of summer camp is, at best, cloudy. Is Gravenhurst in Haliburton, Muskoka, the Kawarthas or what? Are they all the same place? It's been explained to me even more often than how to reset a digital clock . . . but never sticks.

The kids, who probably won't sleep tonight from excitement, leave tomorrow for a month at overnight camp — our first time. And so hard to believe we're all old enough. Those friends who speak enviously of this coming month as a second honeymoon for us don't understand how much I hate believing the first honeymoon could possibly be over.

For almost a year, I've promised myself that this coming month is the one I quit smoking, so, if I'm cranky, the kids won't have to suffer. But it's also the month I'm supposed to finish the second draft of a novel and the two projects sort of cancel each other out — I've long been convinced that cigarette smoke is the number 1 cause of literature.

But, if I do use the month to kick the habit, it'll give me time to read — except that, from previous attempts, I know my concentration span drops to nil. The last try ended after two days. I had to pick someone up at the airport and kept driving past it. This was frightening — I've played airport cab so often that the airport is almost a pied-a-terre. I headed for the smoke shop as soon as I'd landed.

If I am able to read, though, I think I'll avoid the Jewish press. The next few months will be stuffed with "Would Kitty Dukakis be good for the Jews?"

You think Jewish organizations won't kill over her, for speaking dates, even if the answer is "no?"

I've already read one piece in The CJN condemning her as a terrible role model, because she married a Gentile. Terrific beauty parlor chitchat, but I think the time could be better spent finding her Uncle Mordecai.

Maybe I'll just sleep all month — quitting smoking always makes me very sleepy. That's why overeating is never one of my concerns about foregoing tobacco — I get too tired to make it to the fridge, let alone chew. I'll just laze around in bed, letting the rest of the summer pass me by. Which will make me angry. Which will make me smoke.

But that means the kids can spend their month away secure in the knowledge that nothing major about their world here will change while they're gone.

I'm only doing it/not doing it for the kids.

Opinion

Heartland of Toronto Jewry

Jewish influence felt on Bathurst St.

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My uncle Eliezer believes that Bathurst St. remains the heart of Jewish life in Metropolitan Toronto and that the satellite Jewish communities only orbit around it. And I, as usual, agree with my uncle.

J. B. Salsberg

In order to maintain my friendly relations with Alderman Ben Nobleman of "The City of York" and with my favorite Mayor, Mel Lastman, of "The City of North York," I wish to state **categorically,** as my uncle would say, that when I refer to Bathurst St. as the heartland of Toronto Jewry I include, of course, those two independent, self-governing civic entities, in both of which Bathurst St. is the main thoroughfare.

Indeed, what sort of Jewish heart would Bathurst St. be without North York, where the largest single Jewish community (kein ayen horeh) in all of Canada lives? Yes, my esteemed readers, more Jews (again, kein ayin horeh) live in the "city" of North York than in any other single Canadian municipality. That includes the old (core) cities of Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. So, when I say Bathurst St. I mean Toronto, as well as York, Willowdale, and, of course, North York.

As for Bathurst St. itself it has had a "just so" or "not so" history until the Jews took it in hand and made "a mensh," of it.

You see, Bathurst St., that began life at the lakefront, could never make up its mind what it wants to be. Was it to become a residential street, a commercial street or an industrial street? The result was that it became none of those designation. It was a colorless thoroughfare and became known as being the street near Spadina Ave., the commercial boulevard that the Jewish immigrants had quickly transformed into Canada's major fashion centre!

Yes, old Bathurst St. was, as they say, nothing to write home about until the older Jewish settlers, below Bloor St., decided to pick up their belongings and leapfrog northward, towards the sparsely settled Eglinton Ave. and beyond. The rest, as they say, is history.

The synagogues and all other Jewish social and cultural institutions sold their old communal properties and began building their new centres of operation on, or adjoining, Bathurst st.

It became the great Jewish invasion of sparsely-built Bathurst St., north from St. Clair; north from Eglinton; north from Lawrence; north from Wilson; north from Sheppard; north from Finch and now, north from Steeles.

Wow! What a migration!

But throughout that stormy period of moving northward, ever northward, Bathurst St. remained the backbone of Toronto's Jewishness.

In the first place Jewish butchers, grocers, "cigar" store operators, barbers, public eating places, bookstores etc., followed their customers and occupied the one-storey, hastily-built stores on both sides of ever-extending Bathurst St. Thus did old Bathurst St. receive the dynamism and colorations of the pulsating Jewish community that makes Bathurst St. what it is. But:

The older founders of the revitalized and bustling north Bathurst St. also brought with them the traditional Jewish work ethic, such as staying open for business all hours of the day and night. The sons and daughters of those pioneers saw no virtue in that ethic and sold their inherited cigar stores, groceries, etc. to a new wave of immigrants that still adheres to the old ethics and are still willing to "do business" as long as there were customers; even if it meant staying open till the wee hours.

Those newcomers were from the Pacific-rim and Asian countries like Viet Nam, Korea, etc. They are fine, hard-working people who still operate as family units.

When they bought a corner cigar store from a Jew they immediately expanded the line of merchandise they were selling, and the entire family, father, mother and children, catered to the neighborhood needs every day and every evening of every week of the year.

The mainly Jewish neighborhoods took to them readily.

But this commercial revolution changed, of course, not only the business habits of North Bathurst but also the social and cultural relationships between the old settlers, the Jews, the former entrepreneurs, and the friendly, very accommodating new, non-Jewish, family-run corner variety stores that Jews patronize.

Believe it or not, these corner stores, operated by mainly Asian newcomers to Canada, are becoming promotion centres of the Jewish way of life!

Yes, my beloved readers, that's what is happening on Bathurst St., the heart of Toronto Jewry! And I intend to prove it to you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 20,000 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS

I write in reply to your editorial in the June 23 issue about the dialogue between Arab and Jewish Canadians.

The purpose of the meeting, organized in Montebello April 29 by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, was to increase knowledge and understanding of Middle East issues amongst a group of Canadians with a special interest in the area; no one "presumed" such a meeting would help to bring about "a lasting peace in the Middle East."

Participants at the meeting came as individuals, not as representatives of their respective communities. Therefore, although individuals of diverse viewpoints were present, the Jewish participants present did not pretend to speak on behalf of the whole of Canadian Jewry.

Finally, you confuse the Canadian government with this Institute. The government can and does speak directly to the parties involved in the Middle East conflict. We, for our part, try to promote a better knowledge in Canada of international peace and security matters. I am confident that this seminar helped to do that.

Geoffrey Pearson
Executive Director
Canadian Institute for
International Peace and Security.

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AGREES WITH EDITORIAL

I strongly support your Serious Questions editorial (June 23) on what is known as the "Montebello affair." You oppose rightly, the secret government-sponsored April 28-29 "Jewish-Arab dialogue" as unrepresentative and politicized.

The Joe Clark/External Affairs "tilt" away from our relatively "balanced" Middle East policy may make recognition of the PLO Canada's contribution to the "peace process." Clark's desire to achieve the fiction of an "Arab-Jewish consensus" must be placed in the context of a probable fall election.

Jewish leaders — even if the ground rules are changed, and representation broadened — should not again lend themselves to this politicized fiction. Their presence would legitimize "Montebello II" (now set for late August), any opposition to the desired "consensus" could easily be marginalized by issuance of a "majority report."

The Jewish community should oppose Montebello. Only Israel as a sovereign state, can negotiate on Israel's behalf. If Joe Clark wishes to make a real Canadian contribution to the peace process, let him use External Affairs' good graces to convince the Arab states — after 40 years — to recognize Israel, and Yasser Arafat to remove the PLO's main goal — the destruction of Israel — from its unchanging "covenant."

Frederick Krantz
Acting Director
Canadian Institute for Jewish
Research
Montreal

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WIESEL'S CLAIM "NONSENSE"

Elie Wiesel's latest claim that Pope John Paul II is insensitive to the Jewish Holocaust and has repeatedly failed to mention Jewish victims on his visits to Auschwitz and other Nazi German camps is nonsense (Wiesel assails Pontiff, CJN Aug. 7).

A little research would have prompted Wiesel's apparently faltering memory and inspired more even-handed comments.

It is a matter of historical record that when Pope John Paul visited Auschwitz on June 7, 1979, he spoke first not of Poles, who were the camp's first and primary victims until 1942, but of the Jews. He said, in part: "I pause along with you . . . at the memorial bearing the inscription in Hebrew. This inscription calls to mind the nation whose sons and daughters were earmarked for total extermination. No one should pass this memorial with indifference."

Mark Paul
Toronto

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KILLING NOT REPORTED

Just for the record — in his excellent review of the book about her experiences in the USSR by Suzanne Rosenberg (who, incidentally, passed away recently) Rabbi Bernard Baskin leaves the impression that the world knew of the killing of the Soviet Jewish writers at the time it happened — in August 1952.

Not so. The shameful act wasn't revealed till 1956, after the revelations of the 20th party congress. Not a word of the 1952 trial was reported in either the Soviet or foreign press at the time. I recall as I followed the events closely in those years.

Gershon Halperin
Toronto

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WANTS TO EXCHANGE COVERS

I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to assist me. I am a keen collector of UN field post covers used by the various nations in UNIFIL, UNTSO, and MFO (Sinai).

As your country has a contingent in the forces serving in the Middle East, I would appreciate it if you could publish my letter in your publication.

I would like to exchange covers with collectors who possess such items. I will give in exchange stamps, first day covers, coins, bank notes, cards and Israeli field covers.

I will reply to all the letters received.

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It's a great time to visit Israel, says North York controller. Picture shows a thermal pool at Hammat Gadar.

INCIDENTS ARE MAGNIFIED

I recently returned from a 1-week trip to Israel, following attendance at a conference in Nice.

During my stay in Israel, I visited the West Bank on three different occasions, drove through the lower Galilee in a private car and visited several Arab villages.

It appears that if any incident occurs in Israel, that incident is magnified way out of proportion if one compares events transpiring in Israel to those in other countries.

While in France, a police official told me of a foreigner being blown up in his car in Cannes. It was thought that the victim sold arms to Iran. Was this widely publicized? Not likely.

Certainly travellers visiting foreign countries should be cognizant of problem areas and prudent in where they travel.

Speaking for myself, after having met government members, police and military officials, I find Israel a safer place to be in than many other countries or North American cities.

Hopefully your readers and others contemplating a vacation would consider Israel, where they can have the advantage of a good climate and discover a great deal of history.

I would urge Canadians to put away their fears, if they have any, and join those tourists from the various religious organizations, both Christian and Jewish, who have been coming from Europe and elsewhere, as this is a great time to visit and good accommodation is readily available.

Norman Gardner
Controller
North York, Ont.

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JERUSALEM PROJECT

I note that the Reichmanns are involved in a new city centre project in Jerusalem (CJN June 30).

I am sure that this is a wonderful project. But Jerusalem is already highly developed. What about development needs in outlying parts of Israel such as the Negev?

How about a $100 million project that won't make any profit but will simply help people? How about a major project that has only scientific objectives and has no religious or political objectives?

How about a $100 million contribution to research and developments to make major areas of the Negev livable and capable of sustaining agriculture and industry?

Edward J. Farkas
Toronto

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MUSEUM SEEKS DANZIG SURVIVORS

The Vancouver Museum will be hosting a major exhibition titled *Danzig 1939: Treasures Of A Destroyed Community* from Dec. 15 to March 18, 1989.

We would be interested in hearing from survivors from Danzig. Could they please write to the museum at 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver, V6J 3J9, care of my attention.

The Jews of Danzig collected their artifacts and sent them to the New York Jewish Theological Seminary for safekeeping one month before the Nazis marched into Danzig in August, 1939, and it is an exhibition created from these treasures that we will be hosting.

Harriet Wolfe
Vancouver

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NO EXTRA GRANTS TO TWINS

As director of the United Restitution Organization (URO) for Canada, I would appreciate it if you would inform your readers that we have now received information pertaining to payments to twins harmed by Nazis.

Persons who receive monthly pensions by way of indemnification for health damage suffered during persecution are not entitled to an additional grant as victims of paramedical experiments conducted in concentration camps.

This applies to all, including twins.

For further information, write to us at URO Canada, 279 Sherbrooke St. W., Suite 409, Montreal 129.

J. Stahr
Montreal

World-National

Potential for holiday confrontation

Jerusalem area calm, but tense

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jerusalem area was quiet, the West Bank city of Nablus was under curfew and disturbances erupted in the Gaza Strip on Sunday as Jews and Arabs each observed their own religious holidays with a high potential for confrontation.

For Jews it was Tisha B'Av, a day of fasting to mourn the destruction of the Second Temple. Moslems began the first day of the 4-day feast of Id el-Adha, which marks the end of the hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

The mosques on the Temple Mount, the third holiest site of Islam, were packed. To avoid trouble, police kept Jews away, infuriating the observant, who prayed at the Western Wall, the last remnant of the Temple's ramparts.

Geula Cohen, firebrand of the ultranationalist Tehiya party, objected to the ban. She demanded that Police Minister Haim Barlev search the Temple Mount for contraband firearms.

An Arab couple was arrested for trying to smuggle gasoline bombs onto the Temple Mount. Cohen said that was proof weapons were illegally present at the site.

But Barlev said after touring the Old City that it was quite secure for worshippers and tourists. He said that after nearly eight months of Palestinian unrest, police morale remains high.

There was rioting in the Old City and parts of East Jerusalem most of last week. At times, it spilled over into western Jerusalem and the northern suburbs, where Jewish neighborhoods abut Arab villages.

But calm was restored by Sunday, though not without tension, as reinforced police patrolled the Old City and the Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem.

Preventive measures were taken in both Jerusalem and the administered territories. About 100,000 Palestinians in Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank, found themselves under curfew for the first time in recent months.

Disturbances broke out in Gaza following noon prayers Sunday. Israel Defence Force soldiers, stoned by residents of the Jabalya refugee camps, shot two Palestinians in the legs.

Israeli consuls depart for posting in Moscow

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A 6-man Israeli consular delegation bound for the Soviet Union received a warm sendoff from Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres as they embarked on their mission Sunday.

The group of mid- and junior-level foreign service officers and administrative aides, headed by Russian-born diplomat Meron Gordon, is due in Moscow this Thursday.

They will pick up their Soviet entry visas in the Netherlands, the country that has represented Israeli interests in the USSR since Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967.

Shamir emphasized in his farewell remarks to the group that they will be the first Israeli officials Soviet Jews have seen in Moscow in more than two decades.

Peres reviewed the understandings reached with the Soviets over the functions of the Israeli mission. They are to concern themselves with the condition of the Israeli embassy building in Moscow, which has not functioned for more than 21 years, and with other strictly non-political matters.

Israeli policymakers hope that in time, the Soviet authorities will allow the Israelis to perform routine consular functions, such as the issuing of Israeli visas, which currently is done by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow.

Israelis stunned by wave of highway deaths, injuries

By
HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israelis were stunned last week by the high toll of deaths and injuries in a wave of major highway accidents.

Six soldiers and two civilians were killed over a 2-day period, and 37 civilians and 22 soldiers were injured.

Military and civilian authorities began acting immediately to improve road safety and driving skills.

President Chaim Herzog, in a radio statement, attributed the spate of traffic accidents to the "brutalization" of Israeli society, public apathy and negative attitudes toward the slaughter on the roads and a decline in public behavior in general.

Israel Defence Force commanders noted that more soldiers and civilians have been killed in road accidents than in all of Israel's wars combined.

Three soldiers were burned to death when their Renault ran through a stop sign, hit a road barrier and exploded on the Tiberias-Haifa road.

In another accident, a semi-trailer truck transporting a jeep overturned on the Ramla-Bilu road when the driver failed to negotiate a sharp turn.

Nineteen other soldiers were injured on the road later in the week, most of them not seriously. The accident occurred shortly before midnight when their truck veered onto the shoulder of a road in the Golan Heights and overturned.

The soldiers were returning to their base after helping to fight field, crop and forest fires that raged over large areas of the Golan. Traffic inspectors said the truck turned over because the shoulder gave way. It was weakened by excessive traffic due to the fires, they said.

The 37 injuries included 14 passengers on a bus that collided with a private vehicle in the Haifa Bay area.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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YANOVER

If you come across a fellow surnamed Yanover, you have to enquire about the origins of his parents to ensure that you fit him into the right slot.

JANOW (pronounced YANOV) can be found in Russia (near PINSK) in the Ukraine (near LVOV) and in Poland there are no less than four as well as a Janowa and three Janowos.

To make matters a little more complicated, there is a JONAVA in Lithuania.

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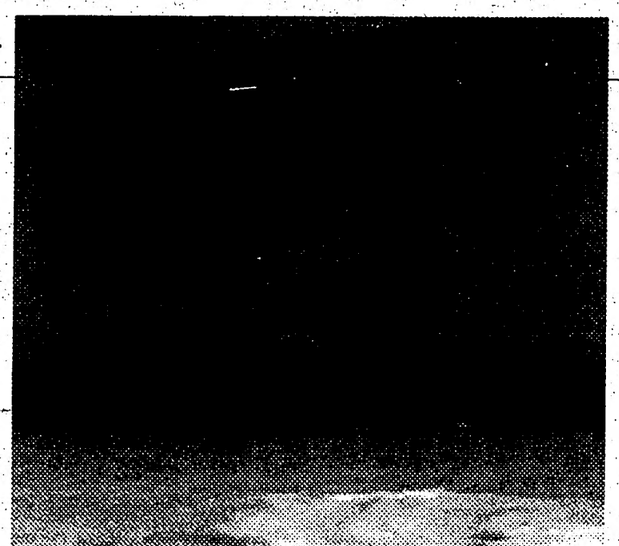

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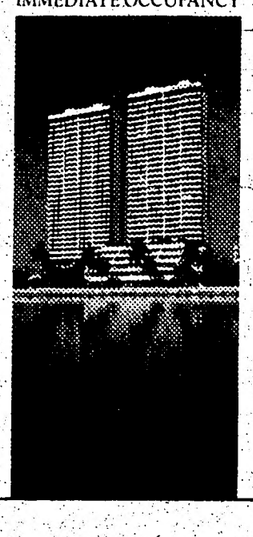

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AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN JEWS ON "MONTEBELLO"

"The Jews are divided into several rival groups and are developing bitter enmity among them."
—The American consul-general in Jerusalem, 1929, after Arab riots left more than 400 Jews dead and wounded.

THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED MONTEBELLO MEETINGS, still largely unknown to many Jews, are creating a Canadian scenario strikingly similar to 1929. The External Affairs Ministry and the Government-financed Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security has selected fifteen Canadian Jews and fifteen Canadian Arabs to conduct an ongoing "dialogue." The aim is, ostensibly, discussion of the Arab-Israel conflict, but the Government's procedure invites suspicion.

The reasons for such suspicion are clear:

(i) THE CHOICE OF PARTICIPANTS. Half the selected Jews at Montebello are members of or sympathetic to Canadian "Friends of Peace Now" (in Israel; this extra-parliamentary lobby gets under 5% in recent opinion polls). They include the only two invited rabbis, both from the same Toronto Reform congregation. Leaders of three Jewish organizations (**Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress,** and **B'nai B'rith**) attended, supposedly as "individuals." But the heads of the major Zionist organizations, as well as other representatives of Jewish opinion, were not invited.

Hence, the chosen participants were **deliberately** not representative of Canadian Jewish opinion.

(ii) THE ABSENCE OF ISRAELIS. Arabs lack even a single democratic state; Jews have democratic Israel. Democracy exists, surely, to give citizens the right to determine their own affairs. Why, then, is the Canadian Government inviting **Canadian** Jews to discuss the vital decisions of a sovereign state, Israel, on the most sensitive aspects of its security?

(iii) THE PLEDGE OF SECRECY. Montebello participants were sworn not to reveal their or others' names, nor to divulge the nature of the proceedings. However, three of the Jewish participants are **elected** presidents of Jewish national organizations. Their mandate requires public accountability on matters of Jewish national interest. Such elected officials imperil the mandate received from the Jewish community when they claim to have attended as "individuals," and when they pledge secrecy on matters affecting the fate of their constituency.

(iv) THE MANIPULATIVE TACTICS OF THE HOSTS. Montebello exemplifies every tenet in the laws of political manipulation: Selection with no openly articulated principle of choice; participants' ignorance about the framework (and purposes) of which they are a part; and the demand of secrecy in return for privileged status.

IN FACT, HOWEVER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS' PURPOSES in arranging this artificial "dialogue" are not hard to divine. Among its organizers are believed to be civil servants who want to "tilt" Canadian foreign policy towards the Arabs, through recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Indeed, nothing can facilitate this crucial shift better than a claim that some Jews favor what others oppose.

THE PURPOSE OF MONTEBELLO is, clearly, to **neuter** Jewish public opinion by **driving a wedge** between a small and willingly co-opted minority and a Jewish majority left without a coherent voice. Hence the skewered "selection" and the secrecy; hence too, perhaps, the timing, **before** the rumored fall national election. The invitations for "Montebello II," set for 27-28 August, have already been sent out.

WE JEWS IN THIS CENTURY have surely learned, at immeasurable cost, the price of political divisions in face of determined enmity. We must not, however **seemingly** well-intentioned the Government's purpose, repeat the mistakes of earlier decades. Our hard-won Jewish unity cannot be so easily frittered away.

IF OUR JEWISH LEADERS WISH to attend Governmental meetings that concern the Jewish fate without either representing their constituents' wishes or reporting back to them, they should be invited to resign their positions. If Jews wish to confer with Arabs — as many of us routinely do, **without** Government intervention — they should not do so as part of a biased and unrepresentative process, over which they have no control.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AWARE of what is at stake at Montebello, must demand that those leaders who initially attended not return. No one — no elected Government official and no elected Jewish leader — should be permitted willfully to subvert the democratic procedures of Canadian society, the Jewish community, or the sovereign State of Israel.

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World-National

Candidate's wife stresses Jewishness often

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out of my religion. I feel very strongly about my ethnic and religious background, and that has not diminished. I think it's been enhanced.

ROSE: You were raised without any formal religious training. What kind of Jewishness, if any, was there in your home as you were growing up?

DUKAKIS: There was a great deal. We spent Shabbat dinners with my grandparents.

I often used to go to synagogue with my grandmother on Saturday morning. I went to synagogue services on High Holidays with friends very often. I had a very strong consciousness of who I was and where I came from.

ROSE: It wasn't until 1976, after your first visit to Israel, that you actually found your Jewishness. Why did that trip have such a dramatic impact on you?

DUKAKIS: I think for many American Jews who are not strongly practicing in a formal way that that kind of trip can have a dramatic effect. I was there five times from 1976-82.

ROSE: You have three children. What religion, if any, do they practice?

DUKAKIS: They consider themselves half-Jewish and half-Greek. My husband is Greek Orthodox and the children have shared in the richness of both our heritages.

ROSE: Do they participate in any of the Jewish customs and traditions?

DUKAKIS: Yes, very much so. They go to synagogue with me on the High Holidays. We have had Passover seder services, sharing them with three other families, for the last 24 years.

ROSE: And I assume those people will be invited to the White House for seder?

DUKAKIS: I should say so.

ROSE: If you could do it over again, would you have raised your children more as Jews?

DUKAKIS; I'm not sure that would have been possible. Michael feels very strongly about his religious background, and we made a decision before we were married that we would raise our children with both.

ROSE: On the campaign trail, you've certainly mentioned your Jewishness often. Should American Jewish voters give any extra consideration to voting for Michael Dukakis because his wife is Jewish?

DUKAKIS: Absolutely not. I think we did away with the relevance of religion when John Kennedy ran in 1960. I don't think that should be a factor.

ROSE; Yet, when you go to areas like Brooklyn, you've spent a great deal of time talking about your Jewishness.

DUKAKIS: Of course I have. I'm very proud of my background. But I would hope people would be for my husband, for his leadership and his effectiveness as a leader, for his vision of the future of this country and for what he has done.

ROSE: In what areas have you disagreed with Israel in recent years?

DUKAKIS: I have not publicly gone into great detail about that. With many American Jews, I have not been happy with some of the most recent events in Gaza and the West Bank

ROSE: How about the invasion of Lebanon?

DUKAKIS: I've had some reservations about our going into Lebanon. On the other hand, I also recognize the threat that was coming into Israel in terms of her security and that also has to be weighed.

ROSE: There are many Jews who are in or near the inner circle of your husband's campaign. Most of these are not Jewish leaders.

DUKAKIS: That is absolutely not true. Hyman Bookbinder has joined the campaign. And there is nobody that I respect more, as head of the American Jewish Committee in WAshington.

ROSE: And you consider him to be part of the inner circle?

DUKAKIS: He is part of the inner circle.

ROSE: You've probably read that there's concern among the organized Jewish community that these people (the American Jewish Committee) do not reflect their opinions, that these people are not in the mainstream of organized Jews.

DUKAKIS: Some are and some aren't. And that's the way it should be.

ROSE: Assuming that your husband wins, how would you want his term in office be noted in history?

DUKAKIS: I would want him to be the kind of caring, compassionate leader that I've known him to be in his home state. I would want him to work even beyond what President Reagan has done in terms of the peace process and stopping the threat of nuclear arms. I would want him to create economic opportunities for all of our people in this country.

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U.S. frustrated at lost contracts

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in doing so."

U.S. officials did not hide their frustration and anger in losing the weapons contracts, though they acknowledged it was unrealistic for any Israeli government to support U.S. sales to Arab countries in a formal state of war with Israel.

But administration officials maintain the Israelis over the years have been shortsighted in that strategy.

Israeli officials however, including Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, have said U.S. weapons are the best in the world. Israel's security would be more seriously threatened by a new generation of U.S.-made F-15 and F-16 jet fighters than the British-made Tornado.

However, reports from Israel indicate a deep concern over the Saudi arms acquisitions. The deal was discussed at a recent cabinet meeting as well as possible adverse repercussions in the U.S.

The Israeli government issued a low-key statements saying the arms sale "would not contribute to stability" in the Mideast.

Two aviation experts clashed in the weekly cabinet meeting over the Tornado, with Moshe Arens, an aeronautical engineer by training, calling it the best warplane of its kind for low-level operations, while Laborite Ezer Weizman, a former air force commander, called it "a flying piano."

Weizman expressed the concerns of many in Israel when he suggested it might have been counterproductive for Israel to be seen as pressuring Congress to prevent the sale.

Yosef Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's office, defended the country's lobbying efforts, saying a U.S.-Saudi arms deal would involve ongoing service, political commitment and sharing of military strategies, relationships Israel does not want to see growing between Washington and Saudi Arabia.

Air force commander Avihu Ben-Nun warned the arms deal will make it difficult for the Saudis to remain on the sidelines in any future Arab-Israeli war.

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Nozick and Asper to head Winnipeg campaign

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Michael Nozick and Israel Asper will serve as co-chairmen for this year's Combined Jewish Appeal campaign.

Israel Asper is a well known figure on the Canadian scene. A former member of Manitoba's legislature and leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, he is currently chairman of the board of CanWest Communications Corporation, Global Communications Ltd., CanWest Broadcasting Ltd. and CanWest Trust.

Israel Asper

Michael Nozick

He has been a lecturer at the Manitoba Law School and a columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail.

In the public sector, he has held positions as governor of the Hebrew University and past president of its Winnipeg chapter. He is a director of the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Manitoba Indian Business Development Corporation and Misericordia Hospital Research.

Michael Nozick is a rising star in the community. The president of Fairweather Properties Limited, a property management and development company, Nozick is the vice-president of fund raising for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. He is credited with restructuring the 1987 CJA campaign.

Nozick is a past board member of the Hebrew University and B'nai B'rith Camp, the Y/JCC, the Kidney Foundation and the Prairie Theatre Exchange. He is on the board of the Jewish Foundation and a member of the Multiple Appeals Commission.

Co-chairing the Women's Division of the CJA for 1988 are Vita Parks and Hinda Ritter. Ritter has been active in the Women's Division since 1961, Parks since 1960. Each has previously co-chaired the campaign — Parks last year and Ritter in 1985/86.

Ritter is the archivist for the Chai Folk Ensemble, a board member of the WJCC and is on the ritual committee of the Rosh Pina Synagogue. She has served on the board of Talmud Torah PTA, Chai, the Folks Arts Council and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Parks is past chairperson of Ramah PTA, past vice-president of the Ramah Board, past vice-president of the Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood and the Israeli Chapter of Hadassah, a former member of the board of Technion and she has served with the Women's Committee of the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

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Talks fail to resolve Soviet visa dispute

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
A much delayed official visit to Israel by Dutch government leaders has failed to resolve differences on a recent Israeli cabinet decision concerning Soviet Jews.

Israel and the Netherlands agreed to disagree on the issue and set up a 4-man committee to propose a mutually agreeable solution on new emigration procedures.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres tried to persuade Dutch Prime Minister Rudd Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans Van den Broek that compelling Jews to fly directly to Israel would not violate their "freedom of choice."

The cooperation of the Dutch, who currently issue Israeli visas to Soviet Jews in Moscow, is necessary to facilitate the cabinet decision.

Peres and Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur told the Dutch visitors "there is no freedom of choice if there is no freedom of information." They said Soviet Jews must first come here before they can decide where they wish to live.

Held frank discussion

Lubbers told reporters later there had been a "frank discussion" on the matter of Soviet Jewry, and both sides found it "useful not to jump to conclusions" on the issue.

In their separate meetings with Shamir and Peres, Lubbers and Van den Broek said there was a need for an international conference, recognition of Palestinian rights and progress in the peace process. Shamir, who again termed the conference "an obstacle to peace," said nonetheless that the Dutch were "critical through friendship." The matter of the territories was not raised in the 2-hour talks with Shamir, which focused on the peace process and the matter of Soviet Jews.

At a press conference, Van den Broek said that in a meeting with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Dutch had expressed their "concern at the practices" of the army in the territories, and had raised doubts as to whether "the measures used were commensurate with the aims of the Israeli government."

He said they were "pleased" to hear from Peres that the government would lend its utmost assistance to facilitate independent agricultural exports from the territories to the European Community, a matter closely watched by the Netherlands.

Later, Lubbers reaffirmed his own and the Dutch people's "commitment to the Jewish people and to the future of Israel." Speaking at a dinner he hosted at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem for Shamir, Lubbers struck a personal note in stressing that whatever we say to you that may sound critical, "I am not impartial."

He recalled how as a young child during the Nazi occupation of Holland his mother asked him not to go out to the street because he might be taken as a Jew. "When I decided to visit the Dachau concentration camp at the age of 19 and spent a whole day there, this became one of the most memorable days of my life," he said.

"In the 40th anniversary year of the state of Israel I appeal to you — find a solution to the conflict, find a way to peace," the Dutch prime minister said in raising a toast to the "wonderful people of Israel and to all you have achieved."

Opportunities missed: Rabin

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Israel may have missed certain opportunities created by the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq, Israel's defence minister said recently.

Speaking on Israel TV, Yitzhak Rabin suggested Israel had not taken full advantage of opportunities to pursue peace during the last 10 years when the peace treaty with Egypt and the Gulf War were the dominant events in the region. Jordan enjoyed greater diplomatic manoeuverability as a result of Iraq's involvement in the war, he said.

Only at the end of 1984 did Israel reap a benefit from the war when it reduced the defence budget, he added.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Iran's acceptance of a ceasefire had ushered in a new era. While it would take time to assess the impact of a ceasefire, Israel must immediately become wary of potential dangers, he said. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said an end to the war would reduce the threat of Islamic fundamentalism in the region.

Rabin suggested that while the Iran's announcement of a ceasefire indicated a major change in its position, he could not discount the possibility it could be a ploy to buy time to build up its strength.

The defence minister said a continuation of the war was not to Israel's advantage because it had forced the two sides to obtain massive quantities of arms. It had also pushed other regional states, such as Saudi Arabia, to acquire modern armaments.

Rabin downplayed the chance of Iraq joining a war against Israel in the near future. Iraq has suffered enormous casualties, he said, and it would be a year or two from the end of the Gulf War before it recovers sufficiently to contemplate such a step.

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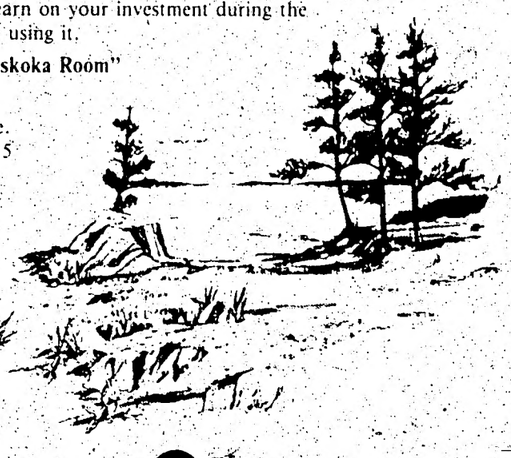

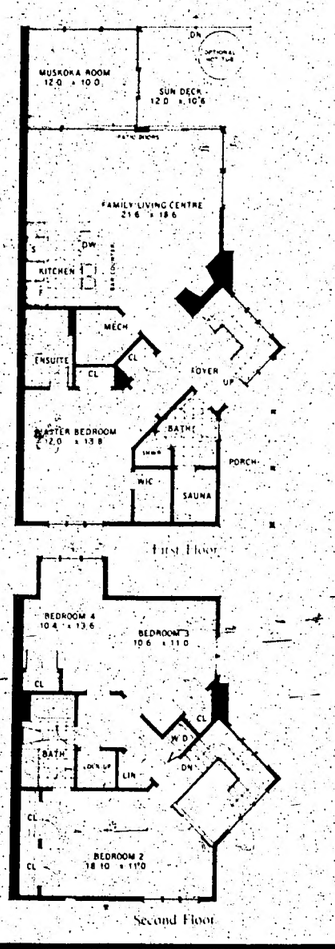

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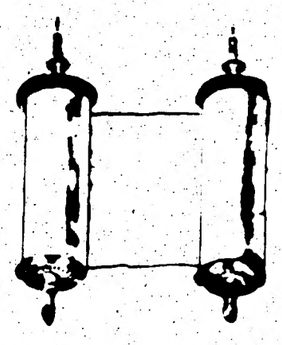

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The Apter Rov who was much older bent down, picked up the gartel, and himself wrapped it around the Rizhimer. When he saw his son's surprise that he should so serve a younger person, the Apter explained:

"I went *gelilah* (tied around) the sefer Torah!"

He continued: "The verse says: 'Who is so great a nation that has *chukim umishpatim tzadikim* — statues and ordinances that are righteous . . .' (Devarim 4:8).

"Tzadikim mentioned in the Torah are the righteous, holy men. There are tzadikim who are like *mishpatim*, ordinances, that we can understand. But there are tzadikim who are like *chukim*, statues that are beyond our understanding and perception. The Rizhiner is of that category." (May 'Otzar Hamachshavah shel Chasidut).

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How do you become a tzadik?

Who is a tzadik? Who were the men and women who were tzadikim? What were they made of? How old were they? The Ari Hakodesh never saw 40. Neither did Reb Nachman of Breslov.

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We have to know before whom we stand. A little child was davening (praying) next to her mother. "I can't hear you," admonished the mother.

"I wasn't talking to you," answered the little girl. Shabbat shalom.

Conflict with Jewish holidays

York board may change meetings

By
PHIL FINE

VAUGHAN, Ont. — The chairman of the York Region Board of Education says the board might reconsider its refusal to reschedule board meetings which conflict with Jewish holidays now that the Town of Vaughan has asked it to do so.

Charles Cooper made the statement in an interview last week after Vaughan town council passed a resolution calling on the board to reschedule two committee meetings set for Sept. 12, the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Cooper said the board might be willing to change its policy because the resolution, although specifically concerned with the two committee meetings, was written to include people of all faiths and backgrounds.

The resolution, passed on July 13, urged the board "to adopt administrative practices that will reasonably accommodate all groups within its constituency."

The York Region board has consistently refused to reschedule the two committee meetings because of what it says would be a deluge of time change requests from other faiths wanting similar concessions. (CJN, July 14)

The board's policy has been a sore point with Ted Berger, the only Jewish trustee on the 16-member board. Berger, who lives in Vaughan, and who sits on the two committees, which will meet Sept. 12, has tried for the past three years to get the board to change its policy.

Last month, trustees rejected his request to review the meeting dates. That decision drew criticism from both Vaughan's race relations committee and from the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Cooper says that although the board can change its policy, it cannot now reschedule the two meetings. A notice of motion to change the dates could be given on Aug. 29 but, given the board's bylaws, could not be debated until Sept. 26, he told The CJN.

Berger, however, says the board can decide to reschedule the meetings at its Aug. 9 session or at a meeting called specifically for that purpose.

"Trustees can waive the bylaw; they can call a special meeting; they can do whatever they want," he said. "They have lots of time."

The Vaughan resolution, which ran to almost a page, noted that it was inappropriate for a public school board to refuse "to change the date of a meeting to accommodate a religious holy day."

The resolution also noted that it was the town's own policy to reschedule council meetings so they wouldn't conflict with religious holidays in order to ensure all citizens "the widest opportunity" to take part in local government.

Revered leader helped promote Jewish homeland

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky was an inspirational and charismatic leader whose speeches were "an electrifying symphony of words" and "an incredible emotional experience," recalled Toronto author Amnon Ajzensztadt, who paid tribute to the Zionist leader at a yahrzeit service held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue to mark the 48th anniversary of his death.

Ajzensztadt, who worked for the new Zionist Organization in Warsaw before World War II and heard Jabotinsky speak many times, told about 150 members of Herut Hatzohar that Jabotinsky was "blessed with the unique talents of graphic articulation, good writing, wisdom, logic and the enchanting belief that the time had come for the Jewish people to become the masters of their own destiny."

According to Ajzensztadt, Jabotinsky did not believe in prevaricating, in keeping Zionist aspirations a secret. "He was one of the most daring leaders of contemporary Zionism who clearly stated the goal of the Zionist Revisionist movement as sovereignty and Jewish statehood on both sides of the Jordan. And he believed staunchly in the moral justness of the Jewish people and their need to come back home from the dispersion and give up their second- and third-class citzenship in foreign countries."

Jabotinsky was not "politically myopic" in regard to the Arabs; according to Ajzensztadt, he always spoke of the Arabs with respect, recognized their dominating role in the Middle East, and wished them success in their passion to unshackle the chains of colonialism.

The revered figurehead of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's ruling Herut Party in Israel, the author said, Jabotinsky "emphasized the right of the Jewish people to have their own part in the cradle of their civilization's origin, granted to them not by mere mortals at the League of Nations, not by Churchill or Chamberlain, but by the eternal covenant of the Almighty God in his declaration to the Children of Israel."

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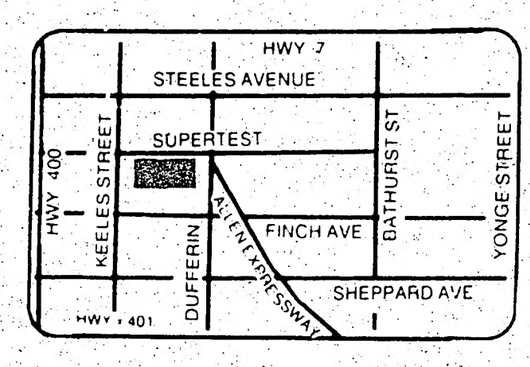

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Organizations and People

MK: Israel to use all means to halt violence

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Israel's independence day is a unique celebration among the international community of nations because the existence of the Jewish state is not guaranteed, says Ehud Olmert, a member of the Knesset.

Speaking to a large gathering at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue for a State of Israel 40th anniversary celebration, the MK, who was featured recently on ABC Ted Koppel's Nightline, said unlike other countries in the world, Israel has had to protect its independence every day since its birth.

"There are many regional conflicts in the world but Israel is the only nation which has been threatened with annihilation since its birth," he said.

Even though Israel's right to exist is challenged daily, Israel has been successful in protecting its existence, said Olmert, adding that the very existence of Israel means "an added measure of security and safety for Jewish life in the Diaspora as well."

His comment that the Palestinians are not victims of Israelis but in large measure responsible for their own problems prompted applause from the crowd. This was so, he explained, because of the refusal by responsible Arab leaders to deal directly with the heart of the problem — which is to recognize Israel's right to exist.

He reminded the gathering why Israel is presently in the territories, citing the historical circumstances on the eve of the Six Day War and recalling the time when "Israel was alone and encircled."

With the exception of the peace with Egypt, Olmert said, Israel's efforts to reach a peaceful solution with its Arab neighbors have been to no avail.

He said Israel will not tolerate being the target of violence even by civilians and it will use all measures to stop the violence. His statement that "we will continue to use force against throwers of molotov cocktails and rocks and not apologize for it," was applauded.

Olmert also spoke about the "hypocrisy and double standards" of countries which criticize Israel, notably the British on the heels of a visit to a Palestinian camp in Gaza by their minister of state for foreign affairs, David Mellor. "They (the British) do worse things in Ireland," he said.

The demonstrations in the territories are not easy to handle, Olmert said, but the soldiers are using more restraint than other armies would in similar circumstances.

Speaking about the future, Olmert envisioned a time of peace for the country and foresaw a large immigration of Jews from Canada and the United States. "For there is no better place in the world for the Jewish people," he said.

The chairman for the event, which was sponsored by the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, was Jules Surdin, past president of Beth Tzedec. Others who addressed the crowd were Herman Gottesman, president of the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, and Rabbi Erwin Beigel, assistant rabbi of Beth Tzedec. Beth Tzedec cantor Joseph Cooper sang O Canada.

Jewish studies scholar dies

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

After a long illness, Prof. Frank Talmage died in Toronto recently, and was buried at the Har Menuhot cemetery in Jerusalem.

A scholar of medieval Jewish history, Talmage was invited to the University of Toronto in 1967 to establish the multidisciplinary Jewish Studies program which he directed and developed for 10 years. Prof. Arthur Kruger, current head of the program, credited him with "the creation of one of the most viable programs of its type in North America."

Born in New York in 1938, Talmage studied at Brandeis University before receiving his PhD from Harvard. His special interests were the study of the Bible in the Middle Ages, Jewish-Christian debate, and the history of the Marranos.

Talmage was an expert on Rabbi David Kimhi (known by his Hebrew acronym *Radak)*, a 12th century exegete from Provence, as well as his father Rabbi Joseph Kimhi (called *Rikam)*, who moved from Moslem Spain to Narbonne in the wake of the Almohad persecutions.

A gifted writer of scholarly books and articles, Talmage authored: *David Kimhi, the Man and the Commentaries* (Harvard University Press) 1975; and *The Book of Covenant and other Writings of David Kimhi* (Mossad Bialik) 1974. The latter was translated from Hebrew to English by the Pontifical Institute for Medieval Studies. He also edited *Disputation and Dialogue* (Katav) 1975.

Talmage was the founding editor of the Association for Jewish Studies Review. Fighting a battle with scleraderma — a rare and debilitating disorder for two decades — Talmage continued to edit the AJS Review for 10 years. He was also a frequent contributor to Tarbiz and the Harvard Theological Review.

The crowning accomplishment of his academic career was his acceptance in 1986 as a Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research in New York—"the senior institute for Jewish studies in North America."

A large crowd of Talmage's colleagues, friends and students attended his funeral service. He was eulogized by Benjamin Ravid and Aaron Katchen, both of Brandeis University, Rabbi Norman Berlat of the Baycrest Centre, his mother Rhoda Talmage and Prof. Libby Garshovitz of the U of T's Jewish Studies program; she coauthored with him the Study Guide for Sifron le-Student, a standard grammar book used across North America in teaching Hebrew at the university level.

Talmage is survived by his wife Marsha, now in Israel, and his mother Rhoda, a resident of the Baycrest Centre.

Red Cross appeals for blood donors

TORONTO —

The Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for blood donors, the supply of blood being reduced to less than one day's reserves.

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Organizations and People

Will begin in August

Sunday shopping hearings set

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Ontarians will be asked their views of the provincial government's amendments to the Retail Business Holidays Act governing Sunday shopping hours and the Employment Standards Act when the standing committee on administration of justice begins hearings next month.

The committee will commence hearings Aug. 3 in several communities across Ontario. It will spend one day each in Thunder Bay, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Ottawa, Peterborough, Kingston, Orillia, Collingwood, Windsor, London, Brantford and St. Catharines and one week in Toronto.

The committee will accept written submissions from individuals, groups or organizations who wish to comment on the legislation.

The shopping reforms give regional governments the power to designate areas and hours for Sunday shopping and to decide what types of businesses can stay open.

The legislation will expand the Sabbatian exemption to allow Jewish merchants who remain closed Saturday for religious reasons to open their businesses Sunday.

As well as changing the Sunday exemption, the legislation will allow drug stores to maintain additional employees on Sunday.

Under current legislation, pharmacies can open Sunday as long as there are no more than four people serving the public at any one time. This has been replaced to allow such businesses to remain open as long as the size of the pharmacy does not exceed 5,000 square feet.

As well, the practice of "roping off" part of a business would be prohibited.

This latest round of public hearings came as a result of tactics used by the province's New Democratic Party designed to prevent the Liberal government from introducing amendments to the RBHA.

While the committee seeks out public opinion on the issue, the outcome can almost be predicted based on the results of past hearings and reports; that is that Ontario should maintain its ban on open Sunday shopping.

Former Conservative party leader Larry Grossman established a PC 6-man study group to examine the issue back in 1986, suggesting that the law should be changed to expand Sunday shopping in response to demand.

However, after completing 12 days of hearings the task force, chaired by former Oakville MPP Terry O'Connor, found that more than 90% of respondents wanted a common "pause" day.

Among the report's recommendation, the committee said the government should allow stores to remain open Boxing Day, strengthen enforcement of the law by providing stiffer penalties and establish criteria for municipalities seeking to designate an area as a tourist area.

O'Connor was again linked with the Sunday shopping issue when the Liberal government named him chairman of the select committee on retail store hours, examining Sunday shopping and retail store hours.

This committee's report rejected the notion of "wide-open" Sunday shopping in Ontario, while making 17 recommendations to amend the RBHA to "achieve a system of greater fairness and equity in the regulation of retail activity in Ontario."

This commmittee concluded that while Sunday has come to be regarded as a "common pause day," the minority interests of cultural-religious groups who observe other days of rest must be accommodated.

While examining the Sunday closing option, the committee agreed that current staffing and store size restrictions should be maintained.

The committee also concluded that roping off should not be permitted and that only stores that are no more than 2,400 square feet and self-contained under one roof should be permitted to open Sundays and holidays.

Safe driving tips for holiday weekends

TORONTO —
To help motorists enjoy the two remaining long holiday weekends left this summer, the Ontario Safety League has offered some tips to deal with holiday traffic and to help avoid accidents on the road:

Get lots of rest before your trip and leave early before the usual "big push." Allow yourself plenty of time.

Plan your trip to so that you avoid driving during the high temperature periods — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — when tempers are on the short side.

Don't tailgate. Under ideal conditions, cars need to maintain a following distance of at least two seconds; trucks need a cushion of at least four seconds or more.

Don't cut in. Maintain the same safety factor when passing and moving in front of another vehicle on the highway.

Always signal. Let other drivers know what you intend to do before you do it.

Avoid glare from lights. When traveling at night, dim your headlights when meeting or following another vehicle.

Always observe posted speed limits.

Always wear your seat belt and use infant and child restraints according to manufacturers' instructions.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol.

Stay out of the other driver's blind spot.

JIS gets grant

TORONTO —
The Jewish Information Service has been awarded a grant of $1,944 under the Experience 88 program to hire a summer student to computerize its records and assist with infomation referals.

The Jewish Information Service is a reference service which provides members of the Jewish community with information on schools, synagogues, counselling services and other items of interest. It deals with 18,000 inquiries annually and publishes the Jewish Community Directory of Greater Toronto, and a number of other brochures and pamphlets.

"The Jewish Information Service is an invaluable asset to the Jewish community and this grant will enable it to operate more efficiently," said Monte Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights, in announcing the grant with Gerry Phillips, minister of citizenship. "The funds will allow the organization to provide a greater range of services to the Jewish community."

"Organizations such as the Jewish Information Service fill a very valuable need and have a tremendous local impact," Phillips added.

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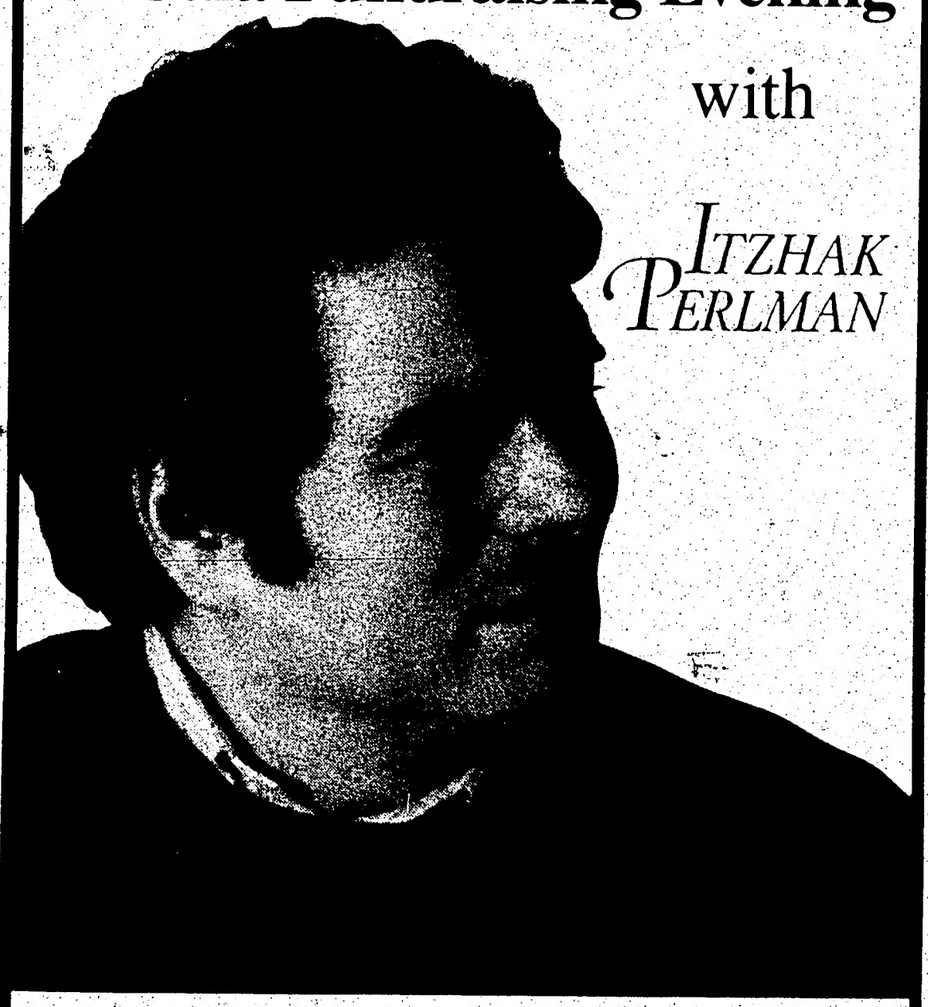
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE CHANGES

Due to summer weekend holidays, Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah, there will be some deadline changes for material for the What's New and About People. Please take note of these dates —

For the Aug. 11 issue, the deadline is Thursday, July 28; Aug. 18 issue, deadline is Monday, Aug. 8; Aug. 25 issue, deadline is Monday, Aug. 15; Sept. 1 issue, deadline is Friday, Aug. 19; Sept. 8 issue, deadline is Monday, Aug. 22.

I will be at my desk on those days to receive your calls.

Friday, July 29

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

As part of its Summer-at-Sinai program, Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy series is featuring a recital-concert of Jewish music by violinist **Morry Kernerman**, associate concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony.

Services are at 8.15 p.m. The temple is located at 210 Wilson Ave.

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

On Friday, July 29, at a musical happy hour and birthday celebration for the July birthdays at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear in a program of Hebrew, Jewish, semi-classical and dancing music. The time is 2.15-3.15 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

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B'nai B'rith La Fraternite Lodge, the French lodge, will have its summer meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The Pope — Politician or Heir of St. Peter will be the topic of the evening.

All discussions are in French. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call 255-6086.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group meets on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 7.30 p.m. at North York Branson Hospital in the Trillium Room, 555 Finch Ave. W.

Interested community members are welcome to attend.

For information, contact the National Information Centre for Eating Disorders at 595-4156.

BONDS JOINT MEETING

A recent State of Israel Bonds joint meeting of Clanton Park and Beth Jacob synagogues featured guest Rabbi Yeshuv Cohen (centre), Chief Rabbi of Haifa. With him are: (from left) Howard Kleinberg, State of Israel Bonds chairman of Clanton Park Synagogue; Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, Clanton Park; Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, and Sam Faivish, Beth Jacob Bonds chairman. [Richard Saunders photo]

And What Else Is New...

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking Ahead, a group for recently separated or divorced men and women organized by the family education department of Jewish Family & Child Service, will be focusing on such topics as Living Alone Again, Dating as an Adult, Adjusting to Changed Financial Circumstances, and Resources for a New Lifestyle.

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For information, call **Sheila Freeman** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM TO RENT?

Do you have a room to rent? York University's Off-Campus Housing Office finds accommodation for York students in Toronto, with special emphasis on the North York area.

If you have an apartment, flat or room that you would like to rent to a student, call 736-5141 and register with the housing office. There is no charge for this service.

ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP

An Israeli dance workshop with **Motti Alfassi** will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Studio Theatre, Leah Posluns Theatre, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St.

The cost is $5. For further information, contact the dance office at 636-1880.

ORTHODOX UNION PUBLICATIONS

The Orthodox Union has announced the opening of a full-time office and centre located at 3524 Bathurst St. The centre will be providing various services to synagogues and individuals throughout Toronto and Canada.

The Jewish Action Magazine, which has some of the most thought-provoking articles by scholars writing on contemporary Torah themes, can be obtained, free of charge, at the centre. In addition, you can obtain the Orthodox Union Kosher Directory at no charge.

Lawrence Cherniak is regional vice-president of UOJCA (Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America).

For further information, call the centre at 782-4426.

SAINT JOHN JEWISH MUSEUM

A community that once flourished with approximately 300 families struggles today with under 50. Created to preserve the Saint John, New Brunswick, Jewish community, the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum was established in 1986.

The only Jewish museum in the Atlantic provinces, and located at 29 Wellington Row, it offers tours, free of charge, to local residents, groups and tourists on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. and Mondays to Fridays, noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

The fulfilment of a dream of curator **Marcia Koven**, who founded the Saint John Historical Society in 1983, the museum is a testament to the lifeblood of a community that began in 1858. Religious and secular artifacts are highlighted to symbolically guide the visitor through a complete Jewish cultural experience, "from the cradle to the grave."

JEWISH BROTHERHOODS DINNER

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, the Toronto Council of Jewish Brotherhoods is holding its annual summer dinner at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The speaker for the evening will be **Dorothy Reitman**, president, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Tickets are $12 per person. For reservations, call **Dave Gould** at 787-8530 or **Bernie Parl**, 783-1676.

ISRAEL ALIYAH CENTRE MOVES

The Israel Aliyah Centre's new address is 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview, Ont., M3H 5Z3. The phone number is 633-4766.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Tel-Aide, the Jewish disress line, is seeking additional applicants to train as phone volunteers for late afternoon, early evening and Sunday shifts.

Interested men and women who have some free time, are good, non-judgemental listeners, and are between the ages of 18 and 120, can request an application by calling 636-9610. Additional information can also be obtained at this time.

Tel-Aide began in the spring of 1985 and is a service of Toronto Jewish Congress.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

The summer season is a time of high blood use and low donor attendance. Blood donations are specially needed at this time.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is running two blood donor clinics in the North York area this week — Thursday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DeVry Institute of Technology, Rio Banquet Hall, 2202 Finch Ave., W., Weston, and on Friday, July 29, from 2-8 p.m. at Towne & Countrye Square, Steeles and Yonge.

For further information, contact the Red Cross at 974-9900.

HELP BRIGHTEN THE DAY

Help brighten the day for a gentleman with multiple sclerosis. Can you share a few hours of conversation and companionship in the Dufferin-Steeles area or other areas of the city?

If you are interested, call **Mary Shapiro** at the MS Society at 922-6065.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is gearing up its program for a stronger year than ever. The new centre at 3524 Bathurst St. is now open.

The Free Torah High program is expanding to include a chavruta program that was begun last year, in addition to its regular courses. Many Shabbatonim, conventions and retreats are planned to take place throughout the year. The next event is the NCSY summer retreat 88 at Camp Reena on the Labor Day weekend.

NCSY membership is $6. Anyone in grades 7-13 interested in obtaining a membership should contact the NCSY office at 782-4426.

JIS UPDATES

Jewish Information Service is presently taking orders for 1988 updates to accompany the Jewish Community Directory of Greater Toronto. The updates are intended for individuals or organizations who have the 1984 book, the last complete edition.

These new sections will give the user many new phone numbers, addresses, and cross refer-

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DONATION APPRECIATED

Sheila Dropkin, national executive director of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, presents a certificate to Joseph Brenner in appreciation of his donation of a special incubator for the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Brenner is currently planning an additional gift for the hospital. [Graphic Artists photo]

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ences as well as new lisiting entries. Complete (updated) Community Directories continue to be available too.

For further information, call 635-5600 or drop in, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., at JIS located at the Lipa Green Building, Suite 345, 4600 Bathurst St.

ATIDEYNU LODGE NEWS

B'nai B'rith Atideynu Lodge reports that movie nights will continue to be the first Tuesday of every month at Yorkdale Cinema. Meet in front of the green machine at the cinema between 6.30 and 6.45 p.m. Meet for coffee after at Casey's in Yorkdale.

STUDY OF AGORAPHOBIA

Sunnybrook Medical Centre is the site of a program investigating the disorder of agoraphobia. People who suffer from the disorder are usually afraid of normal, daily activities like travelling by public transit or going to crowded shopping malls. They tend to be housebound and often suffer from recurring panic attacks.

If you or someone you know is agoraphobic, this free program may be of help. Interested persons should contact **Martyn Thomas** or **Phyllis Nemers** at 480-4656.

YIDDISH TRANSLATIONS CATALOGUE

What do Cervantes, Dickens, Dostoyevsky, Ibsen, Edgar Allen Poe, Sun-Yat-Sen, Tolstoy and Mark Twain have in common? They have all been translated into Yiddish and appear in a new catalogue released by the National Yiddish Book Centre.

The 24-page catalogue, which is being distributed to major universities and research libraries, features more than 300 out-of-print Yiddish translations of world literature.

The National Yiddish Book Centre is located in the U.S. The mailing address is PO Box 969, Old East Street School, Amherst, Ma., 01004. The telephone number is (413) 256-1241.

KIDSUMMER 88

Kidsummer 88 plans unique and special events each day of the summer through Sept. 4. All these events are free for children 10 years of age and under accompanied by an adult.

The complete Kidsummer 88 calendar is available in the July issue of Toronto Life Magazine and CHFI FM98 broadcasts daily updates at 8.15 a.m., 12.15 p.m., 2.15 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

For more information on individual events, call the Kidsummer 88 Hotline at 366-CHFI.

HYDRO THERAPY POOL VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers for its new hydro therapy pool program. Pool orientation and training are offered.

For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2572.

ZIMRIYA IN JERUSALEM

The 22-member Toronto Jewish Community Chorus and its conductor **Shaya Petroff** are leaving for Jerusalem this week to participate in the international Zimriya (choral festival) taking place in Jerusalem Aug. 7-13.

Formed by members of various synagogue choirs with the help of **Gordon Kushner** and **Ben Steinberg**, and rehearsing at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am synagogue, the choir will be participating in the gala concert involving all the international groups, plus choir to choir performances and also going to various kibbutzim to perform.

SHABBATON IN CHINATOWN

Jewish students are invited to a Shabbaton in Chinatown July 29-30 for a weekend of Jewish soul music, chicken soup with chopsticks and a tour of Jewish Chinatown.

The group will be meeting at the Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St. (near College and Spadina). This is a project of the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program (JEP) in conjunction with Ohr Somayach Institutions.

For information, call 595-5723 or 785-5899.

LITHUANIAN JEWRY BULLETIN

There are available, free of charge, copies of the last issue of the Gachelet (The Spark), the international annual bulletin of Lithuanian Jewry. The publication is trilingual: English, Yiddish and Hebrew.

Those desiring a copy should mail a number 10 size, self-addressed stamped (50c U.S. postage) envelope to Assistance to Lithuanian Jews Inc., c/o Josef Griliches, president, 245 East 11th St., New York, NY, 10003.

for seniors

The Chai Dancers invite you to join them in afternoon of Israeli folk dance with **Motti Alfassi** from Israel on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at at 1 p.m. at the Studio Theatre, Leah Posluns Theatre, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Please wear soft soled shoes! The charge for this Israeli dance workshop for seniors is $3, refreshments included. Advance tickets are on sale in the JCC Senior Lounge. For further information, contact **Teme Kerneran** at 636-1880.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-69 years of age meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of the group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting takes place Sunday, July 31. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Sunday, July 31. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is Sunday, July 31. The coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2269.

On Thursday, Aug. 4, from 2-4 p.m. at the Bloor Y, there will be a preview of the academy award-winning documentary Close Harmony, which deals with an intergenerational program that will begin at the Bloor Y in September. Refreshments will follow the screening. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Workmen's Circle Social Club will meet for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. If you are interested in the Miami trip, come to the meeting and see **Shirley Grotell**. For further information, call Mrs. Grotell at 222-7727.

STORY TELLING

At the dinner honoring Canadian Founders of Boys Town Jerusalem, longtime supporter Ed Mirvish (left) has a story for Ben Winbaum, an honoree (centre) and Rabbi Alexander Linchner, founder and dean.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Shuffleboard teams meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 with refreshments served...The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesday mornings at 10. On Aug. 2, **Eta Rubinstein** will give A Review of the Trip to Israel...Along with the 5-week, 7-week, and 9-week trips to Miami, a 12-week trip will also be included. Registration will commence at the regular monthly lunch meeting in August...The trip to the Pines will leave Aug. 3...The trip to Las Vegas will leave Oct. 9 for four nights and five days at the Riviera Hotel. This trip is almost full but there are still a few seats available. For registration and information, call the LZA Seniors office at 630-9444.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is planning three new programs for the fall season — Mental and Physical Stimulation, Tai Chi, and Human Sexuality, plus the possibility of folk dancing...The fall season is scheduled to open Monday, Aug. 29, with an exciting new musical treat...The fall and winter bulletin is in the planning stage. Members will be informed when it is completed...All day trips are sold out...The Hawaiian and Las vegas trip has been extended to include a few more spaces to accommodate the enormous demand. Registration will be closed shortly...For information about activities and trips, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Watch Newton Cable's **Sonnee's Seniors** program on Channel 10, brought to you by International Health Service. Each week, **Sonnee Cohen** gives you information on social events, group tours, and activities to please everyone. The program also welcomes special guests involved with seniors' activities or services, as well as providing old-fashioned singing and dancing entertainment organized by **Bert Levy**. The program is seen every Monday at 7.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 4.30 p.m.

Join singles week at Brown's Hotel in the Catskills with **Young at Heart Seniors**. The package includes eight days and seven nights, three kosher meals daily, choice of excellent foods, dancing, entertainment, sauna, swimming, special trips, baggage, tips, gifts, free draws and snacks on the bus, bus fare, all for $725 Canadian. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 during the day or 635-6343 between 8 and 9 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

The Sunshine Seniors (55 plus) invites you to a fun time multi day tour on Wednesday, Aug. 17, beginning at 9 a.m. The tour includes air conditioned deluxe motor coach, stop for breakfast, tour of Market Lane with its European atmosphere, tour of the Caledon Hills area, a stop at the indoor-outdoor flea market and the village of Terra Cotta, and much more. The cost is $16. For information, call 730-0503.

The **Diamond Jubilee Club**, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open for your entertainment such as dancing and dancersize with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sunday afternoons at 2. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

On Sunday, July 31, **Earl Bales Seniors' Club** is holding a bazaar featuring all new merchandise such as jeans, shirts, jewelry, cosmetics and more. The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard)...A barbecue for members only is planned for Sunday, Aug. 7, at 3 p.m. The charge is $3.50. Tickets are limited in number, so purchase yours at the club office as soon as possible...For information about all club activities, call the office at 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

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LEUKEMIA FUND CLOSING DINNER

The recent Leukemia Research Fund closing dinner awarded a record $350,000 to 19 Ontario researchers for 1988. Keynote speaker at the dinner was Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of health. From left are: Judy Acton, president, Sarnia/Lambton branch; Sari Forman, Toronto president, and dinner co-chairmen Jean Shusterman and Bunny Schwartz.

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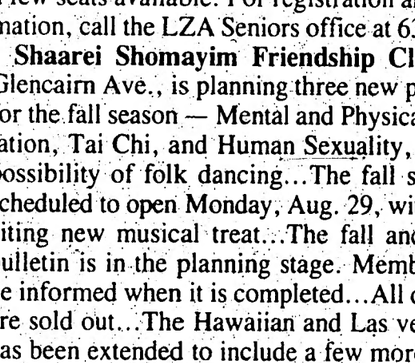

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FUND RAISING

Grade 7 student Jennifer Clamen of Beth Tikvah Congregational School presents Maxine Blendis, chairman of Amichai, the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, with a check for $245. For the third year running, the grade 5 and 6 students have given their tzedakah money and proceeds from a 2-day car wash to the fund. Amichai, the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, was set up in 1985 after the Operation Moses which brought 10,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Its newest challenge is to arrange for family "adoptions" of the 500 Ethiopians presently serving in the army. For more information, call Blendis at 785-3448.

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Club Chaverim of the JCC North-East Valley branch, meets on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., a sing-a-long with singer **William Lainsbury** is arranged for Sunday, July 31, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The summer outing on Thursday, July 28, is a boat tour at Harbourfront from 1-4 p.m. The charge is $8.50 members, $9.50 guests. Register with payment at the Wagman Centre office as soon as possible as tickets are limited. For information, contact **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting a seminar on Becoming Involved in Adult Learning with **Wendy Terry**, past president, Ontario Association of Continuous Learning, on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 1.30 p.m.

LLI is sponsoring a 3-lecture series with **Prof. Barry Kay**, professor of political science at Wilfred Laurier University, on 1988 Election Year Politics — the Middle East, the U.S. and Canada. The series runs Mondays, Aug. 8, 15 and 22, from 10 a.m. to noon.

LLI is also featuring a course on women in the Bible entitled Daughters of Zion with lecturer **Selma Sage** on Tuesdays, Aug. 2-30, from 10-11.30 a.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, July 31, at 7.30 p.m. The cost is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

at the jcc

A rooftop dance is set for Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). The $10 admission includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and dancing under the stars. Tickets are available at the door or at the JCC North and Bloor branches. For further information, call the Bloor Y at 924-6211.

It will be hot, hot, hot at the JCC Valley Singles Network's Midsummer Madness dance on Sunday, July 31, beginning at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The deejay will delight you! Also, you'll enjoy the breezes on the spacious patio and meet all your friends, old and new. Sweet treats are included. Admission is $5 members (with cards), $7 guests. Please note that smoking is allowed only on the outside patio. Check the Singles Hotline for update and possible changes. The number is 889-5101.

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WEIZMANN SUMMER PROGRAM

Five graduating high school students from Toronto, Montreal, Sarnia, Hamilton and Kingston have been working with top researchers at the Weizmann Institute along with students from around the world in the 20th Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Program.

The Canadian participants this year are **Rebecca Kaplan, Peng Leong, Brenda Rosenzweig, Eunice Suh** and **James Verner**.

Peng Leong is the recipient of the Joseph Kerbel Scholarship which is awarded to a winner at the Canada-wide science fair for an original project. This scholarship was created by Mr. Kerbel's children, **Sharon Zuckerman, Gina Brown** and **Joel Kerbel** in recognition of his interest in innovation, the advancement of education and Israel.

The Bessie F. Lawrence Summer Science Institute incorporates laboratory work, lectures and field work in the Negev Desert as well as time for touring and socializing.

WINDSOR COMMUNITY NEWS

Alan Orman was elected president of the Windsor Jewish Community Council at its recent annual meeting. He succeeds **Richard Rosenthal**, who served as president for the past two years.

Currently vice-president and partner of Freeds of Windsor, Mr. Orman has long been active in the Jewish community having served as chairman of the UJA campaign and of the Adult Activities Committee, and most recently as vice-president of the Council. He is one of the founding members of the Centre Theatre Workshop in which he played many leading roles. He is a member of Congregation Beth El.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Total Living Mature Singles Mid-Summer Dance featuring Music by D.J. Saturday, July 30, 8:00 p.m. at earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments. Prizes. Members $4.00, non-members $6.00.

Club Med, Eilat and Israel — November 7 - 14, 1988. Interested?? Call Marcia, 638-5560 days.

Party Time Productions Presents — A Singles Party at Brandy's, Yonge & Eglinton Centre. "Come to a party with class", Sunday, August 7. Starts 7:30 p.m. $5.00 before 8:30, $6.00 after. (Why pay more?).

JCC Valley Singles Network (ages 25-45) — "Mid-Summer Madness" Dance Party, Sunday, July 31, 8:30 p.m. 7015 Leslie St. Dazzling Diamond D.J., refreshments, "Hot, Hot, Hot" times! $5.00 members (with cards), $7.00 non-members. 889-0813.

Corson Travel announces special Singles departure, August 25-28/ Concord Hotel, Catskills (bus available) Contact Sandie Corson — 482-2440.

GOLF TOURNEY BENEFITS

Proceeds from this year's Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel annual golf tournament are benefiting several charities. The tournament started four years ago with only 12 golfers but this year's event attracted 80. Among those taking part were (from left): Colin Williams, Canadian Cancer Fund; Georgina MacMillan, Multiple Sclerosis Society; Debby Vigoda, Elmridge Group Home, and Gret Gates of Benjamin's. [Graphic Artists photo]

BIRTHDAY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Baycrest Centre volunteers Sarah Martin (left), Moe Freedman (centre) and Hilda Reiss were among the first-ever recipients of the Canada's Birthday Achievement awards presented by Metropolitan Toronto to volunteers who have given exceptional service for the betterment of their community. Between them they share 59 years and 23,000 hours of volunteer service. They and 118 other volunteers from Metro were honored at a ceremony at City Hall.

JERRY BORINS GOOFED!

We'll get to my **"Surprise"** party (which took place at a famous **castle**) another time. I forgot to tell you that I attended the **Ronald Regan dinner** during the **Summit.** He truly is a master communicator! (I'm a member of the host Canadian Club.) Talked to H. Wayne T., Al Mandel, Isobel Bassett & some of Toronto's finest (our cops are tops!) who are customers of the **Wheat Sheaf** and who manage & play on some of our sponsored teams. We sponsor over 30 sport teams around Metro including 2 hockey teams at Ted Reeve Arena, 2 synagogue ball teams, a J.C.C. one, 2 fire fighters' teams & for the 2nd year we sent a team from the Constellation Assurance Co. to the Mexican Silver Cup Slo-pitch tourny in LOS COBAS. Treat yourself to a great evening at the **Royal Alex.** See **"Damn Yankees"** presented by **Ed & David Mirvish** in association with the **Marlene Smith group** (Marlene Smith & Ernie Rubenstein of **"CATS"** fame). You'll love the music, choreography (by Madeline Paul) and the scenery. A lot of the stars of **"CATS"** lend their enormous talent & vitality to the production. **Harriet & I** sat with **Marlene** and shared her enthusiasm. She thanked us for coming but the **pleasure was ours**...and will be **yours.** We loved Avery Saltzman as Mr. Applegate, Davis Gaines as Joe Hardy & the gorgeous and titillating Moira Walley as Lola...I'm still humming "Two Lost Souls". Gerry Salsberg was terrific as Sohovik! What famous, handsome Toronto realtor who gets RESULTS (first name-**PAUL**) is pictured in the program with his award winning staff? Phone me with the answer & win the **Wheat Sheaf's** famous made-from-scratch **Brutus-of-a Caesar** salad free for you and 3 friends. (no bacon bits, Larry!)...My choices for friendliest runners in my neighbourhood — **Eleanor & Art Silver** (he also runs by the **Wheat Sheaf!!**), **Robert Strom & Dr. Brian Gilbert!** Was that big **Shep Gangbar** I saw looking for the Wheat Sheaf? **Joe Bloom - Man for all Seasons - and his son David** lunched on the Sheaf's famous wings. They just missed seeing the famous Toronto actor **Harvey Atkin** (Cagney & Lacey). **Harvey** is a **great friend** of the **Variety Club** & loves the **Wheat Sheaf's** burgers & wings...By the way, **Joe & Jeanette Bloom** have been keeping me well-dressed for many years...**Dr. Jerry Gray** ("Travellers") & his sons were at the Sheaf celebrating an upcoming marriage (mazel tov!)...Also saw **Steve Burnstein** - famous Royal LePage manager/associate broker! And a special thanks to **Shane Farberman** & the whole wonderful **Farberman** family for sending me the great photo of **Alf & I** they took at **Josh Engel's** beautiful bar mitzvah — I finally met **Stan Budd** there! And yes, that was me as **YAACOV** the clown (with a slight hangover 'cause it was the morning after my "Surprise" party) entertaining at the Adath Israel Brotherhood's picnic & then dropping by to surprise **Art & Eleanor Silver, Esther & Jack Freeman** and their lovely kids **Eric & Fern** and my very young - looking Mom. Abi Gezundt!

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Seven Syrian Jews imprisoned, says Amnesty

TORONTO —

Seven Syrian Jews, arrested without charge or trial, are still in prison and some are allegedly being tortured, according to Amnesty International. Arrested between September and December, they include a father and son and two sets of brothers.

The agency, through its Urgent Action network, asks that letters and telegrams be sent to Syrian leaders asking that the Jews be released, or if charged, to be given benefit of legal counsel, and that allegations of torture be investigated.

Michael Schelew, of Toronto, spokesperson for AI on refugee affairs, said on the basis of previous experience, AI expects that 5,000 Canadians will respond to this appeal.

Two teenagers, not among the seven still detained, have already been released as a result of international pressure, Schelew said.

Among those detained are:

Albert Laham, 48, owner of a clothing store in Damascus, and his 18-year-old son Victor, a high school student. They are in Adra civil prison. Both father and son are reported to be in poor health.

Eli Swed, a 27-year-old pharmacist, arrested at Damascus airport, and his brother, Salim, 48, arrested in his pharmacy. Current whereabouts of the brothers are unknown.

Faraj Mamroud, 35, and Zaki Mamroud, 32, brothers, co-owners of a clothing shop, who were arrested in their shop. Both are married with four children each. Whereabouts are unknown.

Kassem Ghounegeh, 15, a high school student, arrested with two other students near the Syrian-Lebanese border, and held in a Damascus interrogation centre. The two others were released after being detained for eight months without charge or trial. All are said to have been tortured, including being beaten, whipped and, in one case, subjected to electric shock. One of the two released, Musa Khalife, is reported to have suffered paralysis of the limbs and to be confined to a wheelchair.

In May, AI appealed to President Hafez Al-Assad, for clarification of these reports but no response has yet been received.

Appeals should be addressed to President Hafez Al-Assad, Presidential Palace, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic (telegrams to President Al-Assad, Damascus, Syria); Mahmud Al-Zu'BI, Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, ABD Al-Rahman Shahbandar St., Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic (telegrams to Prime Minister, Damascus, Syria) and Miss Bushra Kanafani, Minister and Charge D'Affaires, AI, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, 2215 Wyoming Ave., NW, Washington 20008, U.S.A.

Israel safe for travel: bishop

TORONTO —

"Israel is absolutely safe for travel and we enjoyed it enormously," said Bishop Leonard J. Wall, leader of 18 Roman Catholic priests from Ontario, on their recent return after an intensive 10-day tour.

"We all felt safe, secure and comfortable, experienced no tension or turmoil and were completely at ease in Jerusalem and Bethlehem," Bishop Wall said.

The Ontario priests were among the 120 delegates from Italy, United States and Canada who attended an international conference of clergy in Jerusalem sponsored by the Israel ministry of tourism.

The Canadian group had lunch on their first day at Kibbutz Lavi, a religious settlement in the Galilee. On subsequent days they visited Jericho, Bethlehem, the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, Mount Zion, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of Visitation and Nazareth.

In addition, some members participated in a processional walk at the Mount of Olives.

BB Canada praises refugee bill changes

TORONTO —

Recent changes by Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall to a refugee bill have received praise from B'nai B'rith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

McDougall recently accepted a Senate amendment removing the federal government's power to turn away refugee-filled ships arriving on Canadian shores.

"The changes to Bill C-84 are welcome," institute chairman Ralph Snow said.

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Track and field trials next month

Maccabi Canada prepares for 13th Maccabiah

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Maccabi officials (from left) Jeff Engel, president of the Ontario region, and Sidney Greenberg, president of Maccabi Canada, greet 1989 Maccabi team trainer Sheldon Balberman and Dr. Michael Clarfield.

TORONTO —

Though the quadrennial Maccabiah Games are still a year away, Maccabi Canada continues its preparations for next summer's 13th "bar mitzvah" games in Israel.

Trials in a number of events are scheduled for this summer, kicking off with track and field national trials at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14 at the York Track Centre in Toronto.

Maccabi organizers expect to take a 12-person track and field team to Israel next year — six men and six women — said Maccabi spokeswoman Marci Mandel.

The final selection for the track team won't be made until next spring, Mandel said, but Maccabi coaches will use the upcoming trials to see "who's who" among the top prospects.

They'll be using the 6th place finishes — times or distances, whichever is appropriate — from the 1985 games as a barometer to help determine who can qualify for the 1989 team, she said.

They're looking for "elite athletes, those with a shot at the medals," Mandel added.

Among the events in track and field are the 20 km walk, triple jump, 110- and 400-m hurdles, a half marathon, sprints, shotput, discus, javelin, pole-vault, long and high jump.

Dennis Fairall is returning as coach of the track and field team, Mandel said. Fairall is a track coach and decathlon specialist at the University of Windsor.

Gord Garshowitz, a math teacher at George S. Henry Academy, is the assistant coach and manager of the team.

A second evaluation camp on the Maccabi calendar gets under way on Aug. 28, when the karate Ontario regional trials will be held at the Bloor St. Y. Coach Wally Sloki will screen the participants in the "wuko" (non-contact) discipline.

Sloki, former Canadian and North American champion, 1967-70, expects the team to garner some medals in 1989, Mandel said. The 1985 squad came home with a silver and could have earned another medal but for a disqualification in the finals.

Maccabi trials continue on Sept. 4 when Ontarians vying for the rugby team lock horns at the Balmy Beach Rugby Field in Toronto.

The Eastern regional trials for Quebec, Ottawa and the Maritimes will be held in Montreal on Sept. 25 while Calgary and Vancouver will be the sites for Western region tryouts in October.

The national trials will be held the weekend of April 19, 1989 in Toronto where 19 young men will be selected for Canada's first ever rugby entry at the Maccabiah. Jake Lipsett, coach of the Ontario under-19 provincial team, will lead the Maccabi contingent to Israel.

In other developments, Maccabi Canda named two sports medicine physicians to its 1989 contingent. Dr. Michael Clarfield of Toronto and Dr. Gloria Cohen of Vancouver will lead the medical team which will include four physiotherapists, four sports therapists (trainers) and a nurse.

Clarfield, who was a Canadian team physician at last winter's Olympic Games, is director of the Bobby Orr Sports Clinic in Toronto. He is also a staff physician at the Fitness Institute Medical Clinic and a columnist for many magazines.

Cohen has numerous credentials in the field of sports, including appointments with the Sports Science Committee, Canadian Cycling Association and others. She has also appeared for three seasons on TVOntario's Ontario's Best, a show geared towards amateur athletes, in a segment titled "Injury Forum with Dr. Gloria Cohen."

Also appointed to the Maccabi team are sports therapists Josh Hershfield, David Paris and Sheldon Balberman, and physiotherapists Shirley Kushner, Brian Gastaldi and Robin Levine-Lefevbre.

For more information about Maccabi Canada, call Marci Mandel at (416) 785-5580. To inquire about the track and field trials, call Gord Garshowitz at (416) 731-8337.

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Mazal Shalom, Israel's champion long-distance runner, won the recent 15 km "Moscow Peace Race" through the streets of the Soviet capital.

Shalom was the first Israeli athlete to compete in the Soviet Union since Moscow broke diplomatic ties with Israel in 1967. She is a member of Hapoel sport club in Beersheba.

The race was sponsored by Trud, the Soviet trade union newspaper. Shalom participated under an agreement reached in April between Hapoel and the Soviet sports syndicate, within the framework of the international trade unions sports movement.

The Israeli beat runners from 20 countries, including Soviets who are expected to be members of the country's Olympic team in Seoul, South Korea, this September.

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An advance team of organizers recently visited Israel upon the strong recommendations of the National Football League to work out arrangements and submit an official bid to hold a "Holyland Bowl."

"Indications are very positive. They seem impressed that Israel is a suitable venue, and they will report back to the NFL in that way," said Steve Liebowitz, a member of the local committee.

Their goal is an exhibition game at the Ramat Gan Stadium in August 1989, or more likely, August 1990.

One of the prime movers behind the Holyland Bowl is Norman Braiman, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, who "expressed serious interest" in bringing NFL exhibition football to Israel.

If the coup comes off, Israeli fans will probably see the Eagles hit the line of scrimmage, against either the Cleveland Browns or the New York Jets, in a game possibly televised live to the U.S.

It's hoped the game becomes an annual event.

Dan Smith, a former NFL public relations official, and Terry Lazin, a prominent sports administrator, have been holding advance talks with Natan Amir, head of the Holyland Bowl Committee, a group campaigning to bring the event to Israel.

Interest in the game was inspired by a letter sent by the Prime Minister's office to NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle, asking Rozelle to investigate the possibilities.

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North of Steeles

News analysis

Housing crisis — who's to blame?

By
JEFF ROSEN

In 1983 the average price for a new home in Ontario was $131,982. Now, just five years later, the average price in Ontario has skyrocketed 113% to $280,995.

Just north of Metro Toronto — where prices range from about $250,000 to over $700,000 — this average is even higher. This means potential homeowners are looking at an initial down payment anywhere from $25,000 to over $70,000 and must have a minimum annual income of $92,000 to carry their home (assuming they are lucky enough to get a minimum 10% down payment for a $250,000 home).

The end result is that these prices may be forcing many to abandon their dream of buying a home.

But who's to blame?

Many developers working north of Steeles Ave. appear more interested in building large 4- and 5-bedroom homes in new developments than smaller, more affordable homes.

Gone are the days when a young couple could look forward to purchasing a 2- or 3-bedroom bungalow with the hopes of eventually moving up to a larger model at a later date. Now they must turn to purchasing multilevel townhouses or condominiums which provide owners with some equity, but remain apartments still the same.

And those are the lucky ones!

Others must be content with settling into apartment buildings, hoping that one day they will win "the big one" or inherit a fortune from some long-lost relative.

Don Cousens, MPP for Markham and Conservative housing critic told The CJN that "what we are seeing for the first time is a situation where our young people will not have the same standard of living, as far as accommodation is concerned, as their parents had and that is terribly wrong."

Don Cousens

One developer in The Bayview Hill said he chose to concentrate on larger homes as he wanted to build the same type of neighborhood that he had "the pleasure of growing up in.

"The Lower Village has become a haven for the successful. It has all the amenities of the good life nearby. The subdivision is especially well suited for young Jewish families moving northward," he said.

With reasoning like that, future divisions in this new Jewish community may be along economic, rather than religious lines.

Of course developers are not the only culprits in this housing crisis. Gordon Thompson, president of the Toronto Homebuilders' Association, says construction delays by, and recent wage increases for carpenters and concrete truck drivers mean the cost of an average house may jump by another $5,000.

Speculators also do their part in boosting housing prices by buying homes without any intention of moving in and later selling for a quick profit. Despite repeated calls by Ontario opposition leader Bob Rae for a speculation tax to halt such "flips," Premier David Peterson has said it would be too difficult to enforce and collect.

NDP housing critic Mike Breaugh argued that a speculation tax is needed at this time to slow down the housing market.

However, the Oshawa MPP said that since the province profits by speculative moves in the marketplace by collecting a land transfer tax every time a house is sold, it is reluctant to impose such a tax as it doesn't provide revenue for provincial coffers.

Cousens rejected the idea of introducing a speculation tax, saying that the real problem is the shortage of affordable homes and the lack of a strategy for land development by the provincial government.

While recognizing the importance of municipalities rezoning to allow higher density townhouse and smaller bungalow developments, Cousens said municipalities have traditionally been concerned about allowing high density developments as they require additional roads, schools and social services.

The problem, he said, is that the local governments have not been getting adequate money to provide these services.

The mayors of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill confirmed this in separate interviews with The CJN's Phil Fine. All three said their towns need additional funding for schools, roads, public transit and sewage facilities. Without funds to expand the latter service, mayors in Vaughan and Markham said home building in their communities will grind to a halt.

Breaugh agreed that more money must be put into York Region, saying that if the province really wanted to generate a lot of housing it could increase funds for local services.

In any event, Cousens said municipalities could do their part by rezoning communities to allow homeowners to rent out basement apartments. This would help provide cheap rental housing and allow homeowners to cover their costs.

To ensure municipalities do their part, Breaugh said the NDP has moved amendments to the Planning Act which, if approved, could help alleviate the shortage of affordable housing. The amendments would force all municipalities to set aside 25% of new housing units in their community for affordable housing.

Mike Breaugh

"One of the problems is affluent communities tend to get exclusive in a hurry and they tend to say we don't mind poor people being arund but not in my neighborhood," Breaugh said. "What you have to do is to ensure every community has the same obligation to provide affordable housing."

Affordable housing is just what York Region hopes to provide with the formation of York Housing Corporation, The CJN's Carolyn Blackman discovered.

Alan Wells, commissioner of social services in York Region, said the corporation's aim is to provide more affordable housing in the region. To do so, he said the community services department has applied to the provincial government for money to build 350 affordable homes.

At the provincial level Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon's last budget did little to ease the housing problem. By raising the sales tax on building materials to 8%, the treasurer may have helped to block some people's dreams of owning a home.

Where the budget did provide some help is by allocating $2 billion in Canada Pension Plan funds for lower cost financing to non-profit organizations for the creation of 30,000 affordable rental units.

Nixon also introduced the 5-year Ontario Home Ownership Savings Plan to allow prospective first-time home buyers to contribute up to $2,000 annually for single persons and $4,000 for couples. The plan will provide an annual tax credit equal to 25% of eligible contributions up to $500 for individuals and $1,000 for families depending on household income.

While a welcome start, this plan allows couples to save very little and falls short of a Liber-

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This is one of the many luxury homes found in the Heritage Estates off Bathurst St. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Plenty of housing for the right price

By
JEFF ROSEN

When looking for a new home north of Steeles Ave. it quickly becomes apparent that there's really no shortage of new housing developments. However if you're looking for something below $250,000 then you might as well forget about the area.

The housing boom is continuing on Bayview Ave. north of Highway 7 with the largest of these developments taking place in The Bayview Hill, a co-development of The Glen Group and Metrus Management-Land Development.

Billed as an "exclusive, aristocratic and privileged community," The Bayview Hill takes in 1,000 acres of land between Bayview, 16th Ave. Leslie and Major Mackenzie Dr. The "Hill" has been divided into the Upper and Lower Villages and has borrowed many prestigious street names from residential areas to the south, such as Chaplin, Spadina and Strathearn.

Residential construction is currently being done by Wycliffe Homes, Townwood Homes, The Georgian Group, Greenpark Homes, Regal Crest Homes and Edgeport Home Corp.

Once fully developed the area will also include retail development, schools, recreation and religious facilities. The latter includes the Conservative Shaareh Haim Synagogue.

In the Upper Village both Greenpark and Regal Crest have both virtually completed selling phase 2 and are into phase 3. Greenpark is offering 103 detached homes ranging in size from 3,150 to over 4,600 square feet.

These 4-and 5-bedroom luxury homes — selling at between $459,000 and $545,900 — include libraries, space for a recreation room, sauna, nautilus room and a maid's room.

Regal Crest reports that it will also be starting on phase 3 of its development very soon.

In the Lower Village, Wycliffe has sold about 60 of its 90 lots in phase 2 with occupancy expected to run from this fall to next spring. Its 4- and 5-bedroom homes are being built on large lots ranging in size from 66 to 75 feet wide and 140 to 150 in depth. The home sizes vary, from 3,433 to 5,200 square feet and in price from $529,000 to $735,000.

These all brick homes feature: pella windows, oak staircases, choice of ceramic, stained or natural strip oak flooring in entry hall, main hall, powder room, kitchen, breakfast area and laundry area. The master bathrooms come complete with a whirlpool activated Roman tub and European style designer faucets.

Having sold out its phase 2 development, Edgeport is about to commence phase 3 in late summer or early fall. At that time sales of about 50 lots will begin.

Jeff Silverberg, co-owner of Edgeport, said 50 lots will be developed ranging in size from 3,500 to 4,500 square feet with prices starting at $500,000.

Edgeport will be offering a lot of stone frontages, which Silverberg said improves the look of the homes, and Paris kitchens.

Townwood has a few homes remaining among the 126 developed in phase 2. Its homes start at $501,900 and run to $651,900 with the homes — built on 66-, 70- and 75-foot lots — ranging in size from 3,657 to 4,808 square feet.

Townwood homes include brick fireplaces on the main floor, ceramic tiles in many rooms throughout the house, oak circular stairs and a kitchen skylight in some models.

The Georgian Group has also sold over half of its phase 2 development with occupancy expected around spring 1989. Remaining homes range in size from 3,260 to 4,927 square feet and in price from $491,000 to $634,000. The average lot size is 66 by 150.

All Georgian homes feature an elegant main stair oak bannister with solid oak pickets and glass French doors in many models. These large models include 5 bedrooms, a library and a solarium.

Georgian has also made its presence felt just to the south, in BayView Forest. Here the developer has built 89 homes which are slightly smaller. The homes range in size from 2,353 to 3,697 at a reduced cost from $347,000 to $478,500.

While most of the remaining models are 2-storey detached, Georgian does have a few 3-storey homes remaining. These models include 6 bedrooms, while other remaining models contain 4 and 5 bedrooms.

Adjacent to BayView Forest, Greenpark is almost finished selling its 253 2-storey detached homes in Bayview Village. Like other homes in the area, these feature spacious front entrances and wood staircases. The few remaining models — 2,522 to 2,586 square feet in size — sell for $323,900 and $324,900.

The remaining homes have 4-bedrooms and the larger model also contains space for a library.

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Another thriving residential community is Heritage Estates on Bathurst St. north of Major Mackenzie Dr.

This area — the site of the old Richmond Hill Golf & Country Club — is being developed by a number of builders including Yorkwood Homes, Greystone Homes, Fram Building Group, Regent Homes, Green Valley Homes,

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North of Steeles

The new Main Exchange plaza at the corner of Bathurst and Steeles includes a variety of stores, including Miracle Ultra-Mart, with an expanded kosher food section, and Bagel Haven Bakery Cafe. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Main Exchange open at Bathurst-Steeles

By JEFF ROSEN

Miracle Ultra-Mart has expanded kosher section

Just a few years back there appeared to be very little large scale commercial development north of Steeles. However with York Region's population boom, new shopping centres and malls have since opened at the rate of one a year.

The newest of the shopping meccas is The Main Exchange on the northwest corner of Bathurst and Steeles. It includes a 50,000 square foot "upscale" Miracle Ultra-Mart plus 33 retail outlets that cater to a person's every need and parking space for close to 500 cars.

Cal Mclean, store manager at the new Miracle Ultra-Mart, said Miracle decided to move north as it wanted a larger store in the community and could not expand its Bathurst-Cedarcroft store a few blocks to the south. With the relocation, Mclean said Miracle is attracting consumers from a 2-mile radius around the new store.

Mclean said one of the supermarket's drawing cards appears to be the large selection of fresh fish available. The new store also boasts an expanded kosher food section.

Among the retail outlets at this new plaza are Mac's Milk, Baker's Dozen Donuts, Bagel Haven Bakery Cafe, Mr. Submarine, Fabricland, The Bi-Way, Med Care Health Centre, Kelly's Place, Tofutti, Scotiabank, Villa Fruit, Modern Cleaners, Michael European Designs, Sebastians Hair and Skin Care, Kidstreat, Art Ampersand, Rococo Hill, Images of Art Interiors, Motophoto, Jeffres Optical, Boom Shoes, Video Showplace, Sasha's Meats & Fine Foods, Zacks Famous Frozen Yogurt, Sudman Jewellery, Chair Mart, Burger King, the Phoenician Middle Eastern Delicacies, Ahuva Real Estate Ltd., Counsel Trust and Carvel Ice cream.

Gary Fobert, operations manager of Carvel, said his company decided to open a new store in The Main Exchange because of the proximity to the Jewish community.

"A lot of people were coming into our store at Bathurst and Lawrence and telling us to come to Thornhill," he said.

Another business that moved north to set up in the new centre is Images of Art Interiors. Dominic Grande, owner of the business, said it was decided to move the store from its Yorkville location as most of his clients were living in the north.

"We looked over the area and decided it could handle another drapery store," he said. "Now our clients can reach us more easily."

Grande said one of the primary considerations in moving north of Steeles was the large number of new homes in the region.

As well as selling drapes, Images of Art deals with such items as blinds, wall and floor coverings.

"We have taken the interior decorator idea and brought it to the storefront setting," he said. "It has been quite successful."

Another new establishment that has reported a brisk business is Bagel Haven Bakery Cafe. Louis Friedman, co-owner with Emil Friedman and Leslie Kelemen, said the cafe is always jammed.

Friedman said the three men owned Open Window Bakery for 30 years before selling it 3½ years ago.

"We came together again for this new venture," he said. "We've been up north for 30 years so we know this is a good area."

"This is the heart of the Jewish neighborhood now and will be for some time to come," he added.

All information was correct as of mid-June 1988.

No shortage of expensive homes

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Country Homes and Millwood Heights.

Yorkwood is building 80 2-storey detached homes in the Millcrest Country Estate portion of Heritage Estates, two-thirds of which have already been sold. The homes range is size from 2,600 to 5,000 square feet and cost anywhere from $381,900 to $489,900.

Yorkwood, owned by Joe Godfrey, is offering 4- and 5-bedroom models with ceramic or quarry tile floors in all tiled areas, marble shower door frames, daylight kitchen ceilings and night setback thermostats. Some models have space for libraries.

One of the largest models, The Kensington B features a sunken living room and a master bedroom lounge adjoining the spacious master bedroom.

Fram Building Group is constructing 55 R-2,000 homes — 18 of which have already been sold — ranging in price from $369,900 to $425,900. For models with a detached garage, add another $10,000 to the price.

These 4-bedroom homes vary in size from 2,360 to 4,036 square feet with the larger models including a room for a library.

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Greystone Homes has built 19 homes in Heritage Estates, 13 of which are still on the market. These 4-bedroom homes vary in size from 2,950 to 3,600 square feet and are priced from $359,900 to $394,900. Homes with a detached garage in the rear are an additional $15,000.

Larger models feature a sunken living room and a library. All models include oak circular stairs, railings, and pickets in natural finish, gas-fired air furnace and ceramic flooring in laundry room, kitchen and main and master bathrooms.

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On Yonge St. Upper Yonge Village is now selling phase 2 north of Elgin Mills Rd. with a May 1990 closing date. Its phase 1 development is all sold out and expected occupancy is spring/summer 1989.

The development consists of single family homes ranging in size from 1,500 to 3,000 square feet and in costing anywhere from $250,000 to $340,000. Rafael Remez, sales representative for Norman Hill & Associates Ltd., said many of the larger models include the laundry room on the main floor.

He said the attraction of Upper Yonge Village, which will include four phases, is its locale in an established area. He said the development includes a large ethnic mix.

To the south the last of Spring Farm's residential development is now complete. The Brownstones consist of 97 freehold townhomes — meaning that owners own the land surrounding the townhouse and are not requied to pay a maintenance fee — and 10 single family homes ranging in size from 1,625 to 2,333 square feet. The homes include a full basement.

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Variety of solutions to housing crisis

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al election promise to operate the plan for a 10-year period.

Instead of "giving away" money as an incentive though, Breaugh said a more positive move would be to allow homeowners to write off a percentage of their mortgage against their federal income tax.

Looking at the housing market, which Cousens states has gone from a problem to a crisis, the MPP says that what is happening is that the top 5% of the public is finding the kind of home they want, the next group is moving up to a slightly larger home, the next group appears locked into their apartments and then an even larger group — constituting about 40% of the population — appears to have lost all hope of being able to purchase a house.

"Increasingly that is happening with young people today because they are saying 'I'll never gather enough money to make the down payment.'"

As a result, Cousens said many young people are turning towards condos, which often require a smaller down payment. These, he said, will become the new homes for young people starting out.

What Cousens says has to be done to improve the situation is to create a climate where investors are willing to help solve the problem.

This includes phasing out rent controls without hurting those locked into rental accommodation, using government land to develop and build accommodation and improve incentives for the new home buyer. One way to do this, he said is is to remove the land transfer tax.

However, Breaugh said that if he were housing minister today, he would take a different approach by immediately turning over provincially-owned land to "every non-profit group who could put forward a proposal to build affordable housing within 12 months.

"I would turn it over at no cost and arrange leaseback arrangements for housing to take the complete cost of land out of this proposal. If you did that you could put affordable housing anywhere in Ontario at really cheap rates."

In Ottawa Conservative backbench MP Reg Stackhouse recently called for the federal government to make Toronto housing a priority and introduced a 10-point housing plan.

The plan would shorten the long land and housing approval process by municipal governments in the area, turn over part of Downsview air force base for housing, remove the sales tax on building materials used for housing, set up a mortgage exchange to make more money available at competitive rates, lower down payments and make them payable over a longer time period and impose a speculation tax on people who buy homes only for the purpose of reselling them at a profit.

While a number of interesting proposals have arisen from a variety of sources, it is time all levels of government realize that the housing shortage has reached crisis proportions which, as Mike Breaugh stated, has left the average person looking for a starter home "out of business."

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Reflect growing Jewish population in York Region

Synagogues moving to permanent structures

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Community centres, basements and temporary buildings are slowly giving way to permanent structures, as synagogues in York Region reflect the rapidly growing, diverse new Jewish population of the area north of Steeles.

Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, on Clark Ave. just east of Bathurst, finally held its opening service on the Sunday before Pesach. Now serving nearly 400 families, the synagogue caters, according to chairman of the board Jack Feintuch, to Jews from all backgrounds and at all levels of commitment and observance. He gives much of the credit for this to spiritual leader Rabbi Baruch Taub, who, "without compromising his commitment to orthodoxy," nevertheless makes everyone feel welcome.

The shul is noted, says Feintuch, for its vibrant sisterhood, extensive adult education program, youth activities, and feeling of "family." Daily, sabbath and holy day services have large attendances.

Shaareh Haim Congregation, a Conservative synagogue, broke ground this year for its new home at Bayview and Weldrick. President Karen Miller says that construction has been delayed slightly because it was realized that the congregation was growing so fast it will need bigger facilities in the first phase.

Shaar Shalom is currently planning the final phase of its building program. [Jeff Rosen photo]

An active membership campaign is under way, which she hopes will attract 300-400 members, with the intention of eventually housing 800 families. Fund raising is also a priority, now, and Miller is pleased that Bayview Hills developers and builders have pledged a large sum to help get things moving.

There is an active youth program (Estelle Gordon has just been hired as youth advisor, along with two assistants), and a sisterhood connected with the Womens' League for Conservative Judaism and a brotherhood baseball league have just been formed.

Miller described the shul as a "traditional, egalitarian" service, with "both men and women eligible for all honors, and everyone covering their heads and wearing tallisim when appropriate.

Adult education is a priority, much of it under the guidance of spiritual leader Rabbi Lawrence Troster.

Shaar Shalom, on Don Mills just north of Steeles, is a Conservative congregation serving approximately 300 families. Youth programs play a large part of the synagogue's life, and there are active adult education and sisterhood programs, and an annual bazaar. Plans are under way for the final phase of its building program.

Temple Har Zion, just north of Steeles on Bayview, the only Reform temple north of Steeles, is "doing just great" according to its president, Larry Maker. It now serves close to 500 families, due, he says, to its excellent school, its strong adult education programs, an active and vibrant youth program, and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Stroh, "a world leader of Reform Jewry, and current president of Arzenu, the international association for the Reform movement."

Maker invites anyone interested to come to weekly Shabbat services, held Friday nights at 8.30 p.m., to enjoy services led by Cantor Martin Steinhouse and an "excellent" choir.

Chabad Lubavitch ranks as one of the pioneers of the Bathurst corridor community. Moving from a garage to a trailer to its permanent home (Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre) on Chabad Gate, it holds daily, Shabbat and holiday services. Many community programs are offered, and it is the site of the only mikvah in York Region.

Its library of books, tapes and videos is open to the public.

A satellite centre, in Markham, is run by Rabbi Avraham Plotkin. Friday night, Sabbath and holiday services are offered, as well as special programs on Chanukah and Purim. The Markham centre is currently preparing for a move to larger quarters.

For several years, the Rambam Sephardic Congregation has met in the Lubavitch Community Centre. Shabbat, Friday night and holiday services follow Sephardic customs and traditions.

B'nai Shalom North Congregation, on Arnold Ave. near the Promenade, was founded and is still led by Rabbi Solomon Domb. It offers traditional Conservative davening. Emphasis is placed on congregational participation.

Although there is no daily minyan, Domb will arrange one for special times such as yahrzeit. Adult education is a major focus of the 100-family congregation. High holiday services this year will be held at the Garnet Williams Community Centre on Clark Ave.

Am Echad Congregation, says its founder Rabbi David Cooper, now functions mainly on the High Holy Days, although members hold whatever functions take place at the Lodzer Holocaust Centre near Bathurst and Sheppard. Services this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be held at the Markham Theatre, Promenade Cineplex, and the new Dufferin District Library, at Dufferin and Clark.

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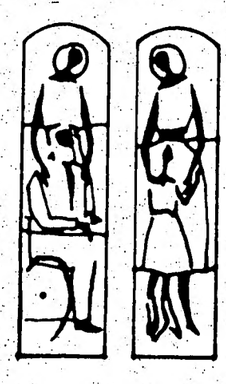

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Sewers, schools and roads top three mayors' concerns

By
PHIL FINE

If sewers and schools are articles of faith in suburbia, then the mayors of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill can be counted among the devout.

In discussions about growth in the three burgeoning bedroom communities, all three mayors return time and time again either to the need for increased sewage capacity or for more schools.

Indeed, for Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, further residential growth in that town depends upon the expansion of "the big pipe" or the sewer trunk running from north of Steeles down to the Dufferin Creek sewage treatment plant at Pickering.

Without expansion, she says, home building will grind to a halt.

The inadequacy of the big pipe also worries Markham Mayor Carole Bell. The trunk can handle only 180,000 people in Markham whose rapidly growing population now stands at 130,000. Bell, like Jackson, thinks it's essential the pipe be expanded — twinned, to be precise. Bell also says Markham will soon need more water lines.

For Al Duffy, mayor of Richmond Hill, sewage and water capacities pose no immediate problems Richmond Hill, with only 60,000 people, he says, has sewage capacity to serve a population over twice that size.

What his town does need, he points out, are two new schools to replace what he says are its surfeit of portable classrooms.

Bell thinks her town could also make use of some new schools (both public and Catholic) but believes construction will never keep pace with the influx of newcomers.

Jackson says the same thing about Vaughan. The provincial government, she explains, seems to be doing fairly well in building new schools. But fairly well, she adds, just isn't good enough.

All three mayors want a branch of York University or, failing that, a community college built north of Steeles.

Duffy thinks it's only proper the York Region have a post-secondary institution since it is, he says, one of the few such regions in Ontario without one. After all, he points out, Metro Toronto as well as the Sudbury, Durham, Niagara, Waterloo and Peel regions all have community colleges or universities.

Bell says any post-secondary institution would help lift Markham above the level of a mere bedroom community. It's surprising, she says, that her town, with the highest per capita income in Canada, lacks a community college or university.

Jackson believes any college or university campus should be located along Weston Rd. north of Highway 7 on land which Vaughan recently bought from the federal government. A new hospital (badly needed in Vaughan, Jackson says) as well as fire, police and ambulance stations and social agency offices should also be situated there, she adds.

But schools and a college aren't the only things on the mayors' shopping lists. There are also improvements to roads, highways and transit systems.

Steeles Ave. between Yonge and Dufferin needs widening, Jackson says, as do Weston Rd., Bathurst and Dufferin streets north of Steeles.

Want highway widened

Bell and Duffy want Highway 404 widened and new interchanges built where it intersects 14th and 16th avenues. Sixteenth Ave. itself, Bell says, could use more lanes. Ditto, says Duffy, for Highway 7.

Both mayors also say the York Region badly needs Highway 407, a proposed east-west 4-lane freeway north of Steeles which would intersect Highways 427, 400 and 404.

Bell says she's happy there are more GO trains on the Stouffville line which runs through Markham. But Duffy thinks there should be all-day GO Train service on the line to Richmond Hill.

Both Jackson and Duffy want subway extensions. Jackson says the Spadina line should be brought north to a possible interconnection with a proposed commuter terminal at Highway 407. Duffy thinks the Yonge line should be extended at least as far as Steeles so that buses which now pull into the Finch terminus can avoid the heavy traffic along Yonge south of Steeles. Later, the Yonge line, he says, should be pushed north to Highway 7.

Bell says she "would love" the Yonge line extended past Finch but thinks such an extension might be less than useful because of the line's already heavy passenger volumes.

Besides subways, Bell and Jackson are also concerned with buses. Bell thinks Markham Transit is doing a good job but points out there's room for improvement. Jackson says Vaughan must work out a single fare with the TTC for passengers using the Bathurst St. bus north of Steeles.

All three mayors are unapologetic about the loss of prime farmland north of Steeles to the relentless march of urbanization.

Bell believes suburban expansion is inevitable given the 100,000 people now coming to Metro every year.

Discounting warnings Canada could end up with a shortage of good farmland, Bell says she sees thousands of acres of vacant land every time she drives to her cottage near Peterborough.

But Bell does believe a happy medium has to be reached between agriculture and people's needs.

Duffy thinks some critics of suburban growth mistake grazing land for farmland and says unless humans start eating horses, people shouldn't be concerned about the pace of urbanization.

He does, however, see a necessity for protecting the rich Holland Marsh. He also says that because Richmond Hill's housing densities are higher than those in Markham or Vaughan, land in Richmond Hill is going under the bulldozer at a slower rate than in the other two communities.

Jackson scoffs at the notion Vaughan is gobbling up good farmland.

"The city of Toronto sits on prime farmland and Vaughan is just an expansion of the city of Toronto," she says.

She does, however, believe growth north of Steeles could shift to the Pickering area should "the big pipe" become filled.

In the meantime, all three towns continue to expand. Although Vaughan's residential growth has slackened, its industrial and commercial growth, says Jackson, has increased. The town's, population now stands at roughly 80,000.

Over 10,000 newcomers, Duffy says, came to Richmond Hill last year boosting the town's population to 60,000. That increase, he says, represents an additional 3,500 residential units: apartments, town houses and single family dwellings. Richmond Hill also saw 3 million square feet of office, industrial and commerical space added to its inventory. All told, says Duffy, the town recorded $630 million of construction in 1988.

Although Duffy doesn't think the building boom in Richmond Hill will continue indefinitely, he does agree the town will continue to grow. By the year 2000, he says, it will be home to over 100,000 people.

Markham, says Bell, is also expected to balloon to 180,000 by the end of the century. In the meantime, it continues to rack up an impressive record of growth.

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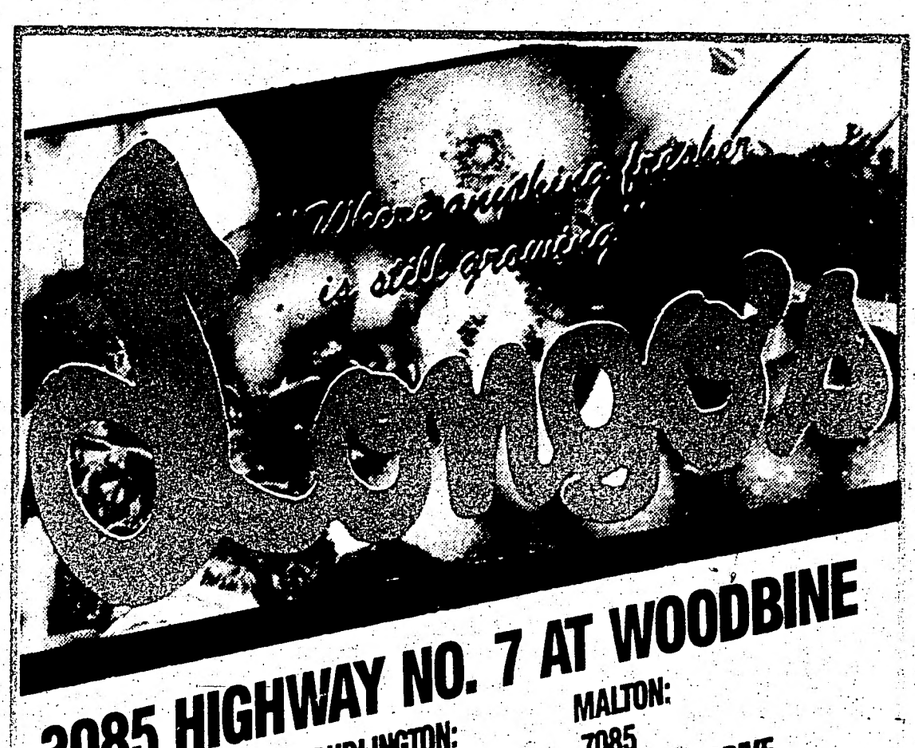

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New spiritual leader at Shaar Shalom

Rabbi Markose to move north

By
JEFF ROSEN

Four years ago Rabbi Howard Markose left the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and headed north with his wife to Toronto where he became the assistant rabbi at Adath Israel Congregation in North York.

Now Markose is about to head north once again — only this time not as far.

On Aug. 15 Markose will assume the position of senior rabbi at Shaar Shalom Synagogue at Don Mills Rd. and Simonston Blvd. in Thornhill, a position he is looking forward to with great enthusiasm.

"Its an exciting move to go to a synagogue that has such a fantastic growth potential and is so young and in an area that is rapidly growing," the 30-year-old spiritual leader said.

As the Thornhill congregation's new senior rabbi, Markose said he hopes to help increase the congregation's membership from the current 275 families and raise funds to complete the synagogue. At the moment two-thirds of the 6-year-old synagogue is complete.

Markose said he is also "really excited" about getting youth involved in synagogue life and hopes to be closely involved with that segment of the congregation.

Of course, this is one of the reasons Markose said he decided to become a pulpit rabbi — to give back some of what he had learned by teaching.

Rabbi Howard Markose

Markose grew up in a traditional Conservative family in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Hebrew and psychology. After receiving his undergraduate degree Markose said he wanted to increase his knowledge in both these areas, but as he couldn't do both at the same time, he decided to continue his Jewish studies at at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

After receiving his rabbinical ordination, Markose said both he and his wife Judy were searching for job opportunities. When his wife was offered the post of director of Camp Ramah the Markoses headed for Toronto and the "love affair" with the city began.

"Toronto seemed to be a traditional city which attracted us and the large Jewish population was really attractive," Markose said.

While the rabbi said he has enjoyed his time at Adath Israel and learned how to function as a rabbi from the shul's senior rabbi Erwin Schild and Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, he felt that the time had come to put what he had learned into action with his own congregation.

Markose explained that while JTS provided him with the educational background to become a rabbi, he had little experience in dealing with "life cycle" events when he arrived at Adath Israel.

"I hadn't established a style for myself as to how I would be able to deliver sermons, do weddings, funerals, address b'nai mitzvah. Because this synagogue is so big and vibrant — 1,800 families strong — it has given me ample opportunity to learn what style works for me," Markose said. "By watching Rabbi Schild I was able to get an idea about what kinds of approaches are good in different elements of rabbinical position."

Markose said that serving at Adath Israel has also given him the opportunity to develop a philosophy of life — which is to be his own person.

"If I do what seems to be natural for me, not everybody will be excited by it but at least they will know that I am sincere and myself."

This outlook may serve Markose well at the Thornhill synagogue. While there will be fewers congregants (at least initially) and no chazan, Markose said he hopes to get to know as many people as possible and become actively involved with its members.

"If there are unaffiliated families living north of Steeles then this is the time for me and Shaar Shalom to make those families feel at home in the synagogue. We are looking at giving this young element a reason to be a part of a Jewish community. Because it is so young this is the time to plant the seeds and roots so that the growth will be solid."

As well as working within Shaar Shalom, Markose said he hopes to plan programs with other synagogues in the area north of Steeles. To this end, Markose said he has already contacted Rabbi Lawrence Troster, spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim in Richmond Hill.

"I really don't know what is in store for me at this time," Markose said.

Whatever the future does hold, Markose's positive attitude will serve him well in his new posting.

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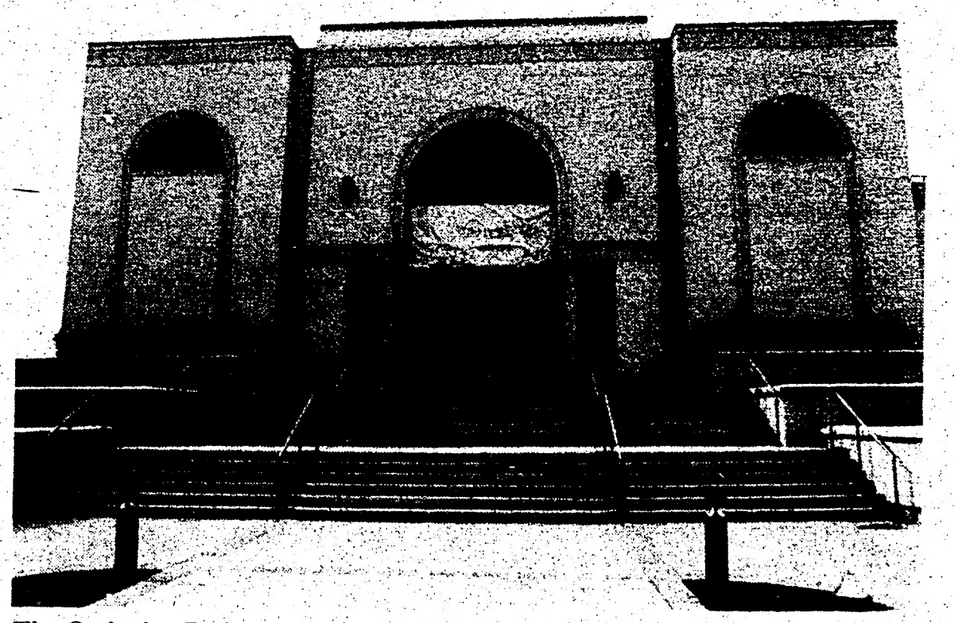

The Orthodox Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, on Clark Ave., is the centre of Joseph Tanenbaum's planned community. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Tanenbaum's vision now vibrant reality

By
BEN ROSE

Where other people could see only empty green fields, Joseph Tanenbaum had a vision of a bustling Jewish community. Today, indeed, there is a vibrant community and Beth Avraham Yoseph, the newly-opened Orthodox synagogue on Clark Ave. is its focal point.

In an interview with The CJN, Tanenbaum said he had been advised to build a smaller synagogue and then add to it if the community grew as fast as he thought it would.

"That adding on stuff doesn't work," he said. "I've seen too many cases where people had to pay through the nose for additions."

The venerable philanthropist announced that he plans to erect a senior citizens' apartment building to the east of the shul's parking lot, and a separate facility for the northern branch of Ohr Somayach, an adult education project. At present Ohr Somayach has classrooms in part of one floor of the shul. The new facility will include a residence for students.

Tanenbaum said he will start the senior citizens' building "right after the election.

"When there's an election coming politicians start to shiver," he said.

The population growth in the area is so rapid that he thinks Beth Avraham Yoseph will be large enough for only the next two to five years. "After that we'll need to have two minyans," he said.

Attempts were made to discourage him from putting up a northern branch of Eitz Chaim, Tanenbaum said, but he persisted and the new Jewish day school is part of the Joseph Tanenbaum Synagogue Centre just south and east of the shul.

Four years went into the planning and design of the new synagogue by Benjamin Schultz & Associates, its architects and interior designers. Ben Schultz and his wife, Roslyn, the firm's principals, travelled across North America looking for ideas and the result was the emphasis on the traditional style — wooden pews and a wooden bimah for instance. There is a striking Mogen David in marble at the entrance and another in the sculpture just above the bimah.

The round sanctuary in blue, white and purple is a warm looking room and can seat 800. Stained glass windows are soon to be installed to give it a finishing touch.

The main social hall can accommodate 900 guests at a dinner, with enough space for dancing as well, and it has already had a crowd of 1,400 at a meeting to hear Benjamin Abileah, Israel's consul-general.

The banquet rooms, both on the main floor and on the 1st floor, have been designed in such a way that when they are divided they will be completely self-contained as far as ceiling designs and fixtures are concerned. Some people have made bookings for bar mitzvahs as far ahead as 1995.

The lower floor social rooms have an emphasis on brass and wood while there is a crystal and marble motif in those on the main floor.

The European preference for wood is borne out in the daily sanctuary, study hall, and library on the 1st floor. It also includes a museum-gift shop.

It is the only Orthodox shul in Toronto to have a Shabbes elevator. It stops at every floor and is designed so that it proceeds at the same speed no matter how many people are in it.

The fine attention to detail is shown in the provision of an extra rack in the checking rooms for men's hats.

The 3rd floor includes the congregational school where children of age 2 to 5 will be engaged in various activities on Shabbes. As well there will be training minyans for 5- and 6-year-olds.

Shultz said it is exciting to see the synagogue full of life after so many years of dealing with it on paper. "One of the interesting things happening here is that parents are moving into the area, following their sons and daughters, and the synagogue's membership reflects this wide age range."

Slated to open Sept. 1989

Shaareh Haim plans future

By
BARB SAX

Richmond Hill's first Conservative shul, Shaareh Haim Synagogue, is scheduled to open the doors to its new building in September 1989.

The opening of the first portion of this multi-phased education-synagogue complex is scheduled to coincide with the beginning of the school term and the observance of the High Holidays.

Located at the northeast corner of Bayview Ave. and Weldrick Rd., the synagogue is in the Bayview Hill development. The developers and builders of this area, consisting of The Glen Group, Metrus Management, Bayview Woods, Edgeport, Georgian, Greenpark, Regal Crest, Town Woods and Wycliffe, have pledged $1 million towards the project.

"With the growth of the surrounding Richmond Hill area, Shaareh Haim will meet the burgeoning needs of this Jewish community," said Dr. Kel Sherkin, past-president of Shaareh Haim.

While the synagogue now has a membership of more than 100 families, projected membership capacity is between 800 and 1,000 families.

"To be a part of this birth of a synagogue and observe its structural creation, is an opportunity that few Jews experience in a lifetime," said Karen Miller, president of the synagogue. "This is an exciting time for our close-knit member community," Miller added.

Spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim, Rabbi Lawrence Troster, joined the Richmond Hill congregation two years ago. Troster, president of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly, said when he moved north to his new position, he found "a community spirit which is like having an extended family."

Troster, husband of writer Elaine Kahn and father of 9-year-old twin daughters, sees Shaareh Haim as a "Conservative community based on traditional Jewish values in a modern egalitarian setting."

The first phase of this project will provide a temporary sanctuary/social hall accommodating 700 people for services and 400 seated guests for a dinner-dance. It will also house the third campus of United Synagogue Day Schools. This school will eventually accommodate children from nursery to grade 8.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School, an afternoon supplementary program established more than 12 years ago, will also be moved to the permanent site.

Permanent sanctuary being planned

Future phases of construction will include a permanent separate sanctuary and banquet hall, meeting rooms, youth facilities, library, full catering kitchen, chapel and administration offices.

"Our synagogue will continue to provide an identity and community focus for the increasing Jewish population of York Region," Miller said.

Shaareh Haim holds weekly Shabbat services at the McConaghy Centre on Yonge St. Rabbi Troster conducts an adult education program which is open to all members of the community.

High Holiday services for September 1988 will be held at the Richvale Community Centre on Avenue Rd., in Richmond Hill. Due to growth in membership and space limitations at this centre, attendance at these services this year will be restricted to synagogue members only.

For further information regarding Shaareh Haim Synagogue, contact the synagogue office at 737-3080. Office hours are Monday through Fricay, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Newmarket synagogue in a period of transition

By JUDITH EVE

Karen Miller, president of Shaareh Haim Congregation of York Region, in Richmond Hill, lives 10 minutes north, in Aurora. To do her job well, the busy president has had to have a special phone line installed in her home — Aurora to Richmond Hill is long distance.

According to Bell Canada, that is — but not to the hundreds of Jewish families living north of Highway 7 north of Richmond Hill, within a 25-mile radius of Newmarket. Places like Mount Albert, Alliston, Schomberg.

The only congregation in that area, Newmarket's Beth Ami, which drew its members from these places and more, is in a transition period, according to fomer Beth Ami executive member Marty Lieberman, who lives in King City. Although, for several years Beth Ami had a Hebrew school, numerous committees and High Holiday and festival services, this structure has now broken down.

The people of Beth Ami are now concentrating on staying together socially. Maybe, in 10 years, there will be enough new blood and commitment to organize again and have a synagogue, Lieberman said in an interview.

Lieberman, and several others interviewed, said there are about 100 Jewish families in Newmarket, but only about 30 involved with Beth Ami, to varying degrees. He estimated another 50 or more families in King Township alone.

Laura Douglas, a resident of Holland Landing, 5 minutes from Newmarket, said she and her husband Paul, longtime president of Beth Ami, are joining Shaareh Haim, a 25-minute drive south.

"Most of the families up here moved north to get away from their Jewish identity and aren't committed to getting a congregation going," Douglas said. "After 9 years, Paul and I are burned out. We worked so hard on it — it was such a sad thing to see it fall to pieces.

"At the membership meeting I went to for Shaareh Haim, I could feel the same excitement again. But I can see it's a success and that's great — I can get involved and feel good about it."

Lori Cohen, vice-president of Beth Ami, is also, with her family, joining Shaareh Haim. The Cohens live in Newmarket.

"There just isn't the commitment in this area," Cohen said. "A lot of people don't want to admit they're Jewish. I would still like to see things continue on a social basis up here, but, as far as religious structure, it's just not happening and we want more for our children.

"But this is a growing Jewish area and, some time in future, could be a viable Jewish community.

Tutors hired

Some members of Beth Ami, and other Jews in this area, are hiring private tutors for their children's Jewish education and, in some cases, are joining synagogues in Toronto, where they have family ties, or north of Steeles along the Bathurst and Bayview corridors.

B'nai Shalom North, Temple Har Zion and Shaareh Haim were among synagogues mentioned.

Jack Haft, Shaareh Haim's vice-president of operations, said Beth Ami never had the numbers to develop the way the Richmond Hill community did. Shaareh Haim now has 102 member families, up from 72 a year ago, and expects at least 130 by the High Holidays.

"The Jewish community of southern York Region north of Thornhill has been centred in Richmond Hill for years, a firm foundation to be built on," said Haft, who lives in Thornhill. "But, eventually, the community will fan out, moving north to Newmarket within the lines it already seems to follow, more or less: Dufferin on the west and Don Mills on the east."

In Richmond Hill at least, there is no rejection of Jewish roots, Haft added.

"It used to be that, if you moved away from the centre of Jewish life, say Bathurst and Wilson or Bathurst and Sheppard, it was assumed you were moving away from your roots. But really it is an economic issue more than a ghetto issue.

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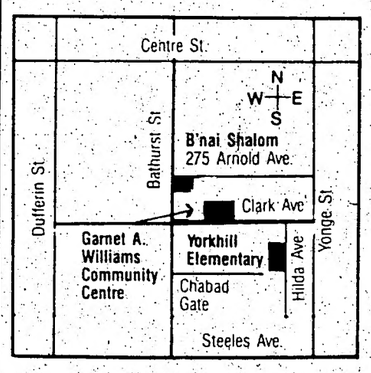

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Reena Day planned for Aug. 31

"Granddaddy" Promenade to mark 2nd year

By
JEFF ROSEN

As a result of the steady expansion of commercial activity beyond Metro's northern perimeter, a hierarchy of retail developments has been established consisting of the established, those just starting out and those still in the planning stages.

Perhaps the "granddaddy" of the new commercial establishments north of Steeles is the Promenade. Two years ago the largest shopping mall north of Steeles opened with much fanfare.

Now as the mall prepares to celebrate its 2nd anniversary, the Reena Foundation is planning its 2nd annual Reena Day on Aug. 31.

Throughout the day, which begins with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9.30 a.m., there will be varied entertainment for the whole family including the full cst of the TV show Polka Dot Door, clowns, games, strolling perfomers, rock music, on-the-spot broadcasting by radio station CJCL and much more.

The highlight of the day will be the draw for a fire-engine red '88 Camaro, donated by Belmont Chev Olds, and an auction.

The auction, which will begin at 8 p.m., offers some fascinating adventures including a hot-air champagne balloon flight, a trip for two to the Dominican Republic, a chauffeur-driven limousine ride to Milli of Hamilton and $1,000 to spend there and a ride in a Rolls Royce to Fetoun of Yorkville and a $1,000 gift certificate to spend there. Altogether there will be 60 lots available at the auction donated by individuals and corporations.

"It will be the most exciting shopping day of the year," says Marilyn Rafael, president of the Reena Foundation.

Barbara Sugar and Sharon Noss will co-chair the event with Honey Martin and Esther Michaels as vice-chairmen.

As well as four restaurants and a food court capable of seating 450, the Promenade boasts a speciality food market in place of a supermarket. It is open during the mall's operating hours, as well as Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jointly owned by Cadillac Fairview and The Glen Group, the Promenade includes 210 retail outlets on two levels and three major department stores, Eaton's, Sears and Brettons. The centre also has 48,000 square feet of office space.

While the Jewish community discovers the new Main Exchange shopping plaza for itself, Spring Farm Marketplace continues to draw a large Jewish clientele from around the Bathurst-Clark area.

Peter Marturano, assistant manager of Spring Farm's 44,200 square foot Food City supermarket, says the store's kosher bake shop and meat department make it especially popular and help draw customers from the area.

As well as Food City's 5,000 square foot kosher department, the marketplace also boasts My Zaidy's Pizza, whichs sells falafel and kosher pizza made with kosher mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce from New York, Baskin Robbins, which sells a variety of kosher ice cream products and Israel's Judaica Centre.

Not content with resting on its laurels, Runnymede Development, which developed Spring Farm Marketplace, together with The Glen Group, developer of the Promenade, is planning a new shopping plaza at the northwest corner of Dufferin and Clark — Coulter's Mill Marketplace.

This 75,000 square foot strip plaza will include a Loeb supermarket, part of a chain now based in Ottawa, a Toronto-Dominion Bank, a restaurant and other retail shops. It is expected to open next spring.

Heading east, another new shopping mall is slated to open in the fall of 1989 at Bathurst and Elgin Mills Rd. Woodland Court Shopping Centre will be a 60,000 square foot strip plaza with a number of retail shops. The new plaza is being developed by Monaco Development Corp.

Even further east is Markham Square at the northeast corner of Highway 7 and Warden Ave.

The 250,000 square foot shopping plaza is slated to open in March 1989 and will include a Loblaws supermarket, plus a number of fashion and retail shops.

As well as Food City and Miracle Ultra-Mart, a number of food markets have opened their doors north of Steeles. Among them are Howie's More Than A Drugstore at Dufferin and Steeles, Sunkist Food Markets at 7155 Woodbine Ave. north of Steeles, and at 9275 Markham Road, one mile north of Highway 7, Longo's at 3085 Highway 7 at Woodbine and the Concord Food Centre at Highway 7 and Dufferin St.

Longo's is one of many food markets which has opened its doors north of Steeles. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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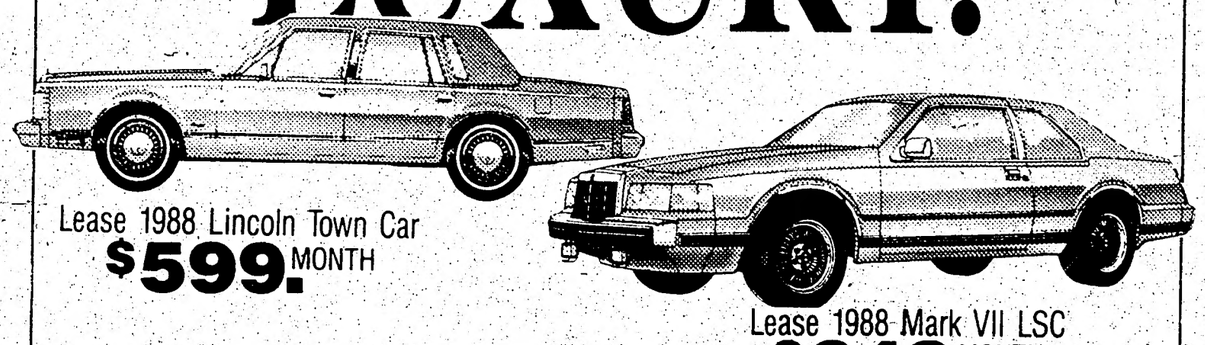

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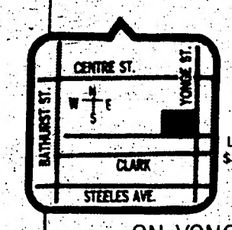

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Variety of women's groups north of Steeles

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

As the Jewish population has shifted north, women's service groups have moved with it. Jewish women living north of Steeles now have a variety of organizations in which to get involved.

B'nai B'rith Women's Markham-Unionville Chapter is the only Jewish service group in that area.

From its initial 25 members the 4-year-old chapter now boasts 50 women with more inquiries coming in regularly.

Chapter president Barbara Allentoff says that hers "is a dynamic group. The women ranging in age from 30 - 60 are quite involved in all our fund raising activities and have also formed close friendships."

She adds that the Markham-Unionville chapter has attracted women who need to get involved in the Jewish community and BBW.

Allentoff says that although some of the women have moved to Richmond Hill they remain with her chapter "because the strong ties are there."

Because their chapter is in York Region the women want to perform a service for the region as well as BBW. As a result they have decided to donate 10% of all their funds to the soon-to-be-opened Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

Allentoff says they have set up a fund and when the hospital opens they'll purchase whatever is needed for the children's ward.

Fund raising events for the hospital and the BBW Children's Home and Group House have included a murder mystery evening, the annual BBW bazaar and a garage sale.

As well, the chapter has hosted a barbecue for husbands and wives, a family picnic and an annual Chanukah party open to the whole community.

The group gets together twice a month for regular meetings and most meetings feature a guest speaker.

BBW also has a Richmond Hill chapter and several other chapters made up predominantly of women living north of Steeles. For information call 630-9313.

Toronto Women's ORT has two chapters north of Steeles and both are active in the community.

Sonia Shron, director of Toronto Women's ORT, says the chapters are now geared for "the women of today who are busy with jobs, families and many outside interests."

Instead of meeting twice a month ORT has changed its format and now meets once a month to accommodate those who don't have time to attend a lot of meetings," says Shron.

Karmiel Chapter with over 25 members recently elected its first official executive. Since it began over a year ago it had been running under the auspices of Toronto Women's ORT. The chapter is aimed at professional women from 30 - 45 years of age, all interested in making friends as well as helping to raise funds for ORT's schools around the world.

Shalom, ORT's other chapter north of Steeles, has about 20 members who are mostly married professionals or stay-at-home mothers. They meet once a month for propgrams which have included discussions on AIDS and surrogate motherhood.

For more information call 787-0339.

Na'amat Canada (formerly Pioneer Women) has eight chapters north of Steeles including one in Richmond Hill. The chapters include women of all ages with the majority being young marrieds.

All chapters meet twice a month and programs are geared towards their own interests. Topics this year included violence in the family, child care, dealing with elderly parents and anti-semitism then and now.

Women from all Na'amat chapters were very involved with this year's Fantasy Auction, a fund raising campaign to build an Israeli vocational high school for teenage underachievers.

"It's really very exciting. We've been gearing towards the auction all year," says Na'amat executive director, Lorraine Levine.

Other fund raising events have been a bazaar and several craft shows.

For information on Na'amat call 636-5100.

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, has about 200 members in six chapters north of Steeles and is currently starting one in Richmond Hill.

Gita Arnold, vice-president of fund raising, says NCJW would be happy to hear from others who would like to start a branch. "We want to accommodate everyone in the community," she says.

A successful project this year was NCJW's Passover drive. "We collected food, packed and delivered over 600 Passover baskets to needy Jews. It was just fabulous," says Arnold.

In addition to several other fund raising drives such as boutiques, garage sales and a trivia night, NCJW teaches English to new adult Canadians and provides daycare for children of the students.

Call NCJW at 633-5100.

Hadassah-WIZO forms new chapter in Richmond Hill

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO has formed its newest chapter in the Richmond Hill/Unionville area with a group of young dynamic women who are determined "to make a difference."

These women, ranging in age from late 20s to late 30s, have spent many years in the work force in such fields as dental hygiene, pharmacy, teaching and social work. Now they have settled north of Metro to raise their young families in a productive and enriching environment that is oriented toward the new family.

There are pre-school programs, Hebrew schools, modern shopping centres, and many young children. But what about the stay-at-home mother who needs the stimulation of other young women with whom she can identify during the years of job hiatus?

According to Marcia Mason, 38, of Richmond Hill, a registered nurse and mother of a preschooler, there was only one answer: joining Toronto Hadassah-WIZO.

Today she is the president of Leora Chapter which has been in existence for the past six months and is comprised of 11 members like herself.

"All of us are professional women who have chosen for now to stay at home with our young families. We enjoy the company of other professional women who are at the same age and stage as we are," says Mason, an exuberant and self-assured brunette. "At this time in our lives communal work has become an important focus. Now it is our turn to give back a little."

Chapter vice-president Daryl Fridenberg, 38, a library administrator and young mother, couldn't agree more.

"Most of us have mothers or grandmothers who have been active in the Jewish community. Now we have some free time and we felt that forming a chapter of our own would be the best way to get constructively involved," added Fridenberg, who called the membership office of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO to get the process rolling.

After making the initial phone call, Fridenberg found the membership executive to be most receptive.

"Several representatives have come to our meetings to help us get started and talk to us about the goals of the organization. Now we feel we are off to a strong start."

Marilyn Perlman, membership chairman, who has met and worked with the group from the beginning, feels that compatibility is their greatest asset. Enthusiasm is another one of their strengths.

Members of Leora Chapter are busy planning for a productive year ahead. In the works are summer barbecues with their families, a speaker in the fall on the subject of human sexuality, and a toy fair for Chanukah. Naturally they plan on participating in the Hadassah-WIZO bazaar.

According to Taube Zeifman, president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, the formation of new chapters is vital for the growth and wellbeing of any organization.

She takes particular delight in watching the germination of Leora Chapter in the evolving Jewish community of Richmond Hill.

"This represents our first chapter to form in the Richmond Hill area," says Zeifman.

If anyone is interested in joining the chapter, contact Bev Bergman, membership chairman at 731-0791.

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North of Steeles

Day care centres proliferating

Jewish schools on the rise

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

As the population of York Region booms, so too do the educational possibilities.

Eitz Chaim Schools, the first day school to open permanent facilities in York Region, began in fall of 1987 with pre-school, kindergarten and girls' classes up to grade 4, and expects to expand to grade 5 this fall, with a population of well over 100 children. Branch vice-principal Esther Weinstock plans to develop programs which will involve parents — such as workshops on holidays or Jewish law.

Programs often include the whole student body, as did a recent strawberry picking outing, and Weinstock is proud of the school spirit that has developed.

Associated Hebrew Schools, which is still negotiating for a permanent location, will have 12 portables with 500 students, from nursery to grade 2 this fall. A spokesman for the school described the facilities on West Promenade Gate (at Bathurst and Clark) as "the finest portables available; "they were actually designed as classrooms, and have all facilities, including washrooms."

Expeditions this past year have included the Royal Ontario Museum, Black Creek Pioneer village and programs with the other branches.

Esther Gold, 1987-1988 liaison officer for the Richmond Hill campus of **United Synagogue Day School,** reports that the new location is an "unqualified success." The portable is located in the parking lot of St. Gabriel's Church and nearly 50 youngsters are expected to attend this fall. The facility, says Gold, is completely self-contained, with its own playground, equipped by the school.

USDS will be part of the new Shaareh Haim Synagogue being built at Bayview and Weldrick, and, says Gold, when Shaareh Haim moves to a house it has recently acquired near the synagogue site, USDS will move too, "even in the middle of the year."

Although the junior kindergarten class is full, Gold says there is still room in the nursery and senior kindergarten.

Ner Israel Yeshiva has been located off Bathurst St. north of Highway 7 for several years.

Plans are being made for the erection of new homes for **Or Ha'Emet Sephardic Day School** on Bathurst just north of Steeles, and **Beth Jacob High School for Girls.** Beth Jacob, according to its principal, Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, will start building a new branch on Clark just east of Bathurst in about a year.

"So many of our students come from the north, that it seems unfair to make them travel all the way to Lawrence," he said.

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Supplementary Hebrew schools are also flourishing in York Region, and report growing enrolments.

One of the biggest is **Temple Har Zion Religious School,** which is located at A. Y. Jackson Secondary School on Francine Dr. Director of Education Karen Goodis reports that over 400 children from pre-kindergarten to grade 10 are offered an extensive program which includes arts and crafts, music, Hebrew studies and, for the older children, a strong emphasis on social action and tzedakah. "Our grade 6 students raised $300 for the Reena Foundation, and brought Chanukah baskets to Extendicare nursing home."

Goodis is especially proud of its success in mainstreaming special needs children, such as those who are blind or learning disabled.

The school is only open to synagogue members.

Schools associated with the Conservative movement are the most numerous.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School continues its custom of presenting its grade 3 students with their own siddurim at a special ceremony. The children take part in the Bible contest, and in the Zimria and Rikudia, says principal Herb Spindel, and look forward to their annual Chanukah party and Purim carnival.

"Enrolment is up every year," says Spindel, who is looking forward to moving from the current location at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. to the new Shaareh Haim, when it opens.

Spindel says that his is the only supplementary school in Richmond Hill associated with the Board of Jewish Education, and using only teachers licenced by the BJE.

Shaar Shalom Hebrew School plans to open a new branch at St. Roberts High School at Leslie and Highway 7, which will serve children from kindergarten to grade 1. Its regular location at Zion Heights Junior School at Leslie and Cummer has well over 300 children, and principal Joseph Klinger says the students appreciate the "warm, encouraging atmosphere" of the school.

The northernmost branches of United Congregational Schools are also expanding, according to principal Saul Morgenstein. About 350 students are divided between branches at Westminster Public School at Mullen Dr., and at Bishop Scalabrini Separate School on York Hill Blvd., which, says Morgenstein, has been very friendly, and treated him very well.

He is especially pleased with the response to his "Learn while your children learn" program for parents and his mitzvah program in which boys and girls preparing for their bar or bat mitzvah among other activities, make their own tallis and challah covers, respectively.

B'nai Shalom Afternoon Hebrew School holds classes at Westminster Public School on Mullen Dr. and at Yorkhill Elementary School on Hilda just south of Clark. Its kindergarten and grades 1 to 7 meet with differing frequencies, according to age, and especially enjoy an extensive series of special programs on holidays, which make a concerted effort to involve the whole family. Upgrading and advanced programs are offered, as are bar and bat mitzvah tutoring.

Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchok offers an Orthodox approach to supplementary education. Meeting at Thornlea Secondary School at Bayview and John, a highlight of its program is its computer classes. Special events have been a Torah fair, where the children did projects on some aspect of Bible study or Jewish law, and a kosher food exhibit.

Torah Ohr Supplementary School is opening a Richmond Hill branch at Pleasantville Public School at Mills Rd. and Bathurst St. in fall of 1988, which will serve children 6 years of age and up, depending on enrolment, and will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rabbi David Cooper's In Home Hebrew School will be concentrating on activities in one location, 103 Dundern, in the Atkinson-Clark area. Cooper plans classes two days per week plus Sundays, and has youth services as well as computer and audio-visual programming.

B'nai Shalom, Yorkview Day Care Centre and **Shalom Pre-school** also offer pre-school classes associated with their day care centres.

Those in the Markham area may be interested in Torah Tots, a pre-school in the Bayview and John area, which is planning to triple its enrolment for the 1988/89 year. Principal Goldie Plotkin says there will be two morning classes and one afternoon class. This year's special events have included apple picking, matzoh baking and trips to the zoo and farms.

For the more adventurous, **Waldorf** and **Montessori** schools are also well established in York Region.

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Day care centres are also proliferating in the area, responding to the increasing number of women in the work force. Among them are Loving Care, located in the Eitz Chaim building on York Hill Blvd., and Yorkview Day Care Centre in Coulter's Mill.

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Wide selection with personalized service

Brettons brings new shopping concept to mall

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Brettons, Canada's newest fashion department store, is prominently located in the heart of The Promenade Shopping Centre, at Bathurst St. and Highway 7, in York Region.

Categorized as a department store "without hard goods," Brettons is anchored on both sides by two department store giants, Sears and Eatons. Flanking Brettons on two mall levels are numerous speciality boutiques.

Undaunted as the neophyte on the block, so to speak, Brettons' presence as a fashion department store leader has been nothing short of remarkable since the chain's inception back in 1985.

Starting three years ago with two stores in Ottawa, Brettons now has six others in Edmonton, Winnipeg, two in Calgary (one to open in August), and two in the Toronto area, situated in The Promenade Mall and Mississauga's Square One Shopping Centre. In 1989 three new Brettons are planned for Vancouver, downtown Toronto's ManuLife Centre and Sherway Gardens Shopping Centre in Etobicoke.

"We're looking at a lot of sites across the country and it's a matter of what becomes available first," says Howard Petrook, general manager of marketing. "We plan to open about three stores a year for at least the next 10 years, and we see a potential for 30 stores in Canada."

Brettons is a division of Comark Services Inc. of Mississauga, a privately-owned operation headed by Derick Brenninkmeyer, a 4th generation member of the powerful Dutch-based family with massive retail holdings in Europe, Britain, South America and the U.S. In Canada the company owns Irene Hill, Young Canada, Bootlegger, and Lad & Lassie.

Brettons' emergence in the retail fashion scene has brought a new concept in shopping to The Promenade, Howard Petrook believes.

The 43,000-square-foot store integrates the wide selection available at department stores with the personalized attention usually found only in specialty boutiques, he says.

Larger than your traditional specialty boutique, 44% of the store is allotted to women's clothes, another 18% to accessories including jewelry, cosmetics and hosiery, and 8% to shoes. In addition, 20% of each store showcases men's clothing and another 10% to children's wear.

"We pride ourselves in our ability to offer our customers a streamlined shopping experience," says Petrook, who was born in England, grew up in South Africa, and has lived in Toronto since 1981. He has been in the fashion business since 1965.

"Brettons' market is geared at the working woman and her male equivalent who earn a combined income of $50,000 and up," he says. "Our fashion customer usually lives in a 5- to 8-mile radius of the mall in the northeast tier of the city and is interested in current contemporary fashion at reasonable prices."

In keeping with the store's fashion-forward design image, Petrook states that a design team scouts European, Canadian and American markets in conjunction with the store's buyers "to keep abreast of the latest fashion innovations."

Strongly committed to Canadian designers, Brettons plans to introduce this fall fashions by Marilyn Brooks and newcomer Lida Baday to its already strong Canadian collection featuring Albert Nipon, Alfred Sung, Simon Chang and Mr. Jax.

Also new this fall will be an elegant French designer line for women by Michel Klein, which, confirms Petrook, will be both accessible in price and superior in design and quality.

"We don't carry couture," states Petrook emphatically. "The prices are too high and out of reach. We have decided not to reach that market."

Instead, Petrook points out that the store has set out from the beginning to service the middle to the upper middle price range "to ensure that we have the depth and selection to meet our customers' needs, combined with great service, and well-trained staff.

"Service is the most important tool we have," said Petrook, who will be introducing designs by Dino Salvatore for men as well as suits by Amies of England and Julian of the U.S. this fall.

Most of Brettons' sales personnel earn between 7% and 9% commission, compared to 3% to 5% in many department stores. But only one in 10 of those interviewed is hired, he says.

Reflecting on the geographical location of Brettons within The Promenade facade, Petrook believes the store is ideally situated. "it is located in one of the Fastest growing areas in Canada . . . an area which is rapidly becoming urbanized."

He projects that within the next three to five years no new shopping centres will be built in the northeast tier of Metro, including Metro proper. "Yes, there will be upgrades and renovations to existing malls," he says, "but there is nothing on the drawing boards that I know of."

But of one thing he is certain: Brettons' desire to establish itself in The Promenade two years ago was one of the company's most best decisions.

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York Region to take over nursing home

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

York Region has gone ahead with its decision to take over Greenacres Home for the Elderly in Newmarket now owned and operated by Metro Toronto.

The newly-renovated home was opened by Metro 30 years ago with the thought that senior citizens should retire in the country.

The trend now, however, is to try and keep people living in their own community so Metro has decided to phase out its operations at Greenacres over the next two years.

Alan Wells, commissioner of social services in York Region said that Greenacres will replace York Manor, the region's dated facility.

He said that the new home, which will be ready for York Region to operate within the next two years will boost services for senior citizens "tremendously."

"We will have facilities to provide day programming which means a lot more people will be able to live at home," Wells said.

He added that the region "is changing its direction of thinking with regards to care for the elderly and rather than having them institutionalized we are trying to keep them in the community."

He said that "we are really not expanding the services but rather changing direction of the services."

Wells said Greenacres will also provide specialized care by trained staff for people afflicted with Alzheimer's.

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North of Steeles

New outskirts at Major Mackenzie

Regal condo estates found north on Yonge St.

By
JEFF ROSEN

A few short years ago Bathurst and Clark was considered the outskirts for a condominium.

Now with the three Promenade Towers almost sold out at this corner, the new outskirts has moved north to Yonge and Major Mackenzie Dr.

Just south of this Richmond Hill corner Harding Addison Properties Ltd. is developing The Dynasty in Richmond Hill — three 12-storey, 173-unit condominium buildings with a recreation complex. The buildings feature seven suite designs with such regal sounding names as Imperial, Dover, Regal, Regency, Oxford, Sovereign and Monarch.

With condo sales for the first building now complete, sales of condo units in the second building have started. The 1- and 2-bedroom units range in size from 1,028 square feet to 1,445 square feet and are selling for between $160,000 and $200,000.

Occupancy for the first building is set for late 1988, the second for summer 1989 and the third in 1990.

Each of the seven suite designs features a solarium with panoramic view, sliding patio door from the living room to solarium, two bathrooms, individually controlled air conditioning, built in dishwasher, quality braodloom, sunshine drop ceiling in the kitchen, oval bathtub in master ensuite bedroom and separate shower stall enclosed in cultured marble and glass. Many suites on the 12th floor include sliding glass doors to a terrace.

The fitness and recreation centre will include an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, ladies' and men's saunas, showers and dressing rooms, squash court, racquetball court, outdoor tennis court, billard and table tennis room, card room, hobby room and party room.

Once the surrounding area is developed, The Dynasty will be across the street from Richmond Hill's new civic centre. This will include fountains, a skating rink, outdoor stage, amphitheatre, covered arcade, glassed-in winter garden, a theatre, separate municipal library, hotel, commercial and retail buildings, recreation centre and office space.

The Conservatory's first condominium building is almost fully occupied with a large Jewish population. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Menkes introduces Palladium

South of The Dynasty, at Yonge and Clark, a couple of new condominium developments will soon be appearing on the scene courtesy of well known developers.

Menkes Developments is making its presence felt in this area with the Palladium on Yonge. This 19-floor building will feature six suite types with names like Electra, Ultima, Maxima, Supreme, Medallion and Solaria. Beyond the names though, the individual suites — starting at $249,000 — will feature dome ceilings in the kitchen, mirrored doors at the front hall closet, air conditioning, built in dishwasher, ceramic tile in bathrooms and kitchen, bell entry system, in-suite security alarm system and sun den and outdoor balconies in some suites.

The Olympians Club at the Palladium will include an outdoor swimming pool, indoor whirlpool with solarium, men's and ladies' saunas, showers and dressing rooms, squash court, exercise room, and hobby room.

The Conservatory Group will begin sales for Sky Rise on Yonge condominiums this fall with occupancy for the first of two buildings expected in spring 1990. As well as two buildings containing 206 units each, the development will include some commercial space.

Harvey Kauffman, director of sales for Norman Hill Real Estate, said the average unit will be about 1,550 square feet with about two-thirds of the units around 1,600 to 1,800 square feet in size.

He said the developers are concentrating on the larger units because of expected demand by people "who want to replace their homes with decent size units."

He said the development is meant to attract "in-users" as opposed to speculators.

While it is still too early to determine the prices of the new units, Kauffman said the new development will include a complete recreation package including an indoor pool.

Just down the street on Clark at Hilda, the Conservatory II is close to completion and residents have begun moving in. When complete it will include 140 units ranging in size from 1,057 square feet on 18 floors. This building includes four floors of penthouses with unit sizes ranging from 1,791 to 2,709 square feet.

Kauffman said as of June there were about 20 units remaining ranging in size from 1,194 to 2,700 square feet. These top-of-the-line units range in price from $190,000 to over $600,000 and include such amenities as top quality kitchens and ceramic tile in the front entrance and kitchens.

The Conservatory II includes such amenities as an indoor pool, whirlpool, spa, squash, racquetball, exercise room, lounge, party room and tennis courts. It has a 24-hour concierge, state-of-the-art cameras to provide maximum security and alarm systems in suites.

Just further west at Bathurst and Clark, a few units still remain on the market in phase 2 and 3 of Menkes' Promenade Towers. Prices range from $204,990 in the latter phase to $220,000 for a penthouse suite in the former.

While Menkes' Primrose is on the south side of Steeles Ave., it will impact on the surrounding region once finished. With the first building sold out and sales almost complete in phase 2, Menkes has started selling units in phase 3. Remaining units in phase 2 start at $194,990 and $193,000 in phase 3.

Once complete, each 17-storey tower will have 213 units in 13 suite-types named after fragrant flowers.

All designs include sunshine ceilings in the kitchen, washer/dryer space, in-suite security alarm systems, ceramic tile in kitchens and bathrooms, custom designed kitchen cupboards, dishwashers and individually controlled air conditioning and heating units. Most suites include sun decks with sliding patio doors and some have outdoor balconies.

The Primrose will include Club Primrose which will provide complete exercise facilities, swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, squash and tennis courts, hobby, party and video rooms.

Kittycorner to the Primrose, on the northeast corner of Bathurst and Steeles, Four Seasons Group will begin developing Town Gate this summer. The development will include two condominniums and a small office building.

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Affordable homes York's objective

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

The high cost of buying a home combined with the lack of starter home stock has always made it difficult for moderate income earners to live in York Region.

Good news, however, is on the horizon.

York Region has approved the formation of the York Housing Corporation whose aim is to provide more affordable housing in the region.

"The community services department is applying to the provincial government for funds to build 350 affordable units," said Alan Wells, commissioner of social services in York Region.

He added that he is "quite confident we will receive the allocations."

Wells said that up until now, what generally has been built has been family homes. "We need units for single people, retired couples, senior citizens . . . those who don't require large family homes."

He said that affordable rental units are "just what the community needs to satisfy more of its members."

Wells said that the units, which could be available in 1989, will be located in several areas of the region. "We'd like people to have some choice where they'd like to live."

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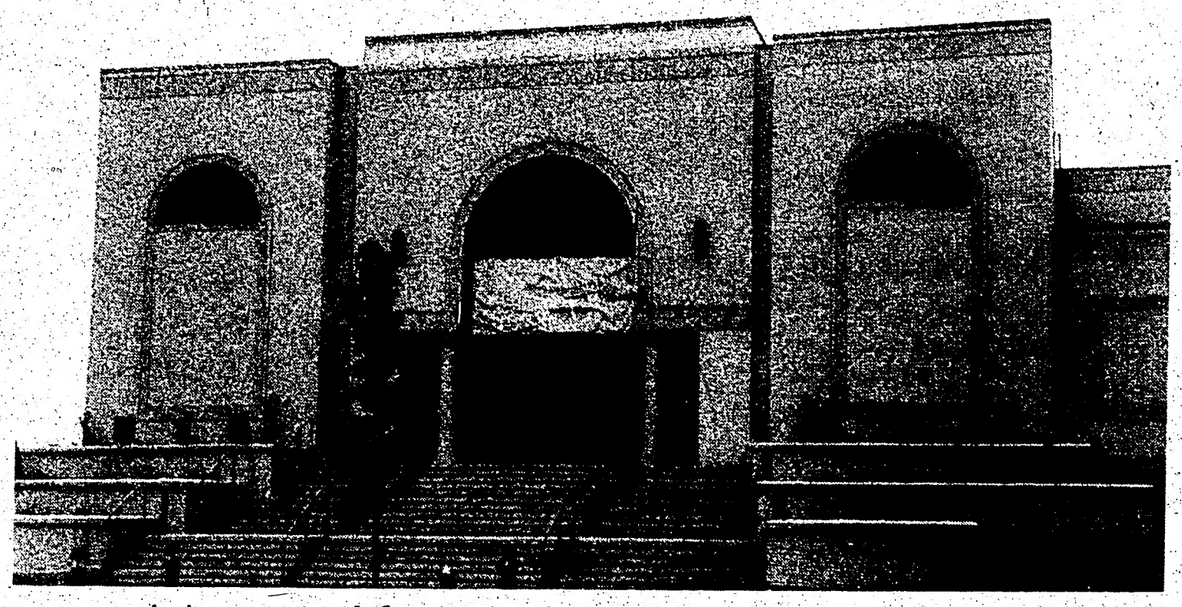

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Vidal Sassoon to be honored by Assn. for Soldiers of Israel

TORONTO —

A man who fought with the Palmach in the Israel War of Independence is coming to Toronto to help members of the Israel Defence Force.

The internationally known businessman and philanthropist Vidal Sassoon will be the guest speaker at the annual "Tribute to the Soldiers of Israel" dinner dance Sept. 5 at the Constellation Hotel.

The tribute is sponsored by the Toronto branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel. About 1,500 guests are expected at the dinner which has become a major social event on the Toronto calendar.

This year the Toronto branch has agreed to fund the camp for widows and orphans of IDF casualties at Beth Goldmuntz in Netanya, one of the centres normally operated by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel as a rest camp for soldiers on active duty. This will allow the association in Israel to expand its other activities for troops on active duty.

Vidal Sassoon was 17 when he left England to join the force fighting for a Jewish state in the critical days following the United Nations resolution on partition. He was one of the few non-native born to be accepted in the Palmach, special striking companies which were sent on the most dangerous operations.

Vidal Sassoon

Sassoon will bring a first hand report on the present situation and the problems and challenge facing the soldiers of Israel.

He serves as the co-chairman of the Hebrew University Centre for the Study of Anti-Semitism and is also involved with the homeless, abused adolescents from the Los Angeles area where he resides.

The Mothers and Orphans camp at Netanya has an important place on Vidal Sassoon's list of priorities. The children are all orphans whose fathers were killed in action while serving with the IDF. Accompanied by their widowed mothers, the children are given a week of fun and games, sports, swimming and arts and crafts.

Officers from the units in which the fallen men served are also present at the camp as a link between the families and the IDF.

While the children are kept busy by counsellors, who are members of the IDF, the mothers are also busy with groups for ceramics, flower arrangements, folk dancing, lectures and outings. In the evening the mothers and children are entertained by some of the most famous artists in Israel.

The children, aged from 5 to 15, are billeted separately from their mothers. For the mothers it is an opportunity to meet and discuss with others in the same situation the problems of being both a mother and father.

Sassoon has succeeded in revolutionizing the hair industry and the lives of women everywhere with the invention of what has been referred to as "wash and wear hair." The widely publicized introduction of his classic Sassoon cut of the 60s freed women once and for all from the tedious, time consuming routine of setting, teasing, and lacquering their tresses.

He is founder and president of the Vidal Sassoon Foundation which was established to provide aid and assistance to anyone in the pursuit of education.

For further information on the dinner, contact Esther Matlow, 782-2679 or Irving Matlow, 630-8636.

Mission to Israel is basis of report

Because of family problems he had to return to England in 1949, where he entered business to support the family. From one hairdressing salon, he expanded and developed a hair styling empire.

He has a special interest and attachment to the State of Israel and particularly to the soldiers on active duty with the IDF. He is the national co-chairman of the Friends of the IDF, the American counterpart of the Association for the Solders of Israel.

He recently returned from an extensive mission to Israel where he was the guest of the IDF and the association.

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Organizations and People

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Daniels wants to revitalize Bonds youth division

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Bob Daniels wants to find out why young Jews aren't buying Israel Bonds.

And, his curiosity is justified. As an executive member of the new Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds, it's his job to help get young Jews to buy these investments in Israel's future.

So concerned is Daniels about a drop in the sale of Bonds that he has helped draw up a computer questionnaire to find out why his peers aren't buying them.

The questionnaire is just one way in which the 30-year-old Toronto real estate developer has been a boon to the Bonds organization. He's also helped by organizing regular monthly breakfast meetings and home get-togethers so that young adults can be told about Bonds and current Jewish issues. Recently, he spoke to 100 people from Bonds' Construction Division at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Bob also came up with the idea that SIB should publish a newsletter about its activities for the 40,000 or so Jews 25 to 45 in Metro Toronto. The newsletter, which will also focus on current political issues in Israel, is expected to be in the mail this fall.

But Bob's involvement in the Jewish community isn't limited to SIB. He has also helped out at Aish Hatorah and last year headed its Jerusalem Fellowships program which sends college students to study in the Israeli capital. As chairman, Bob not only helped market and raise money for the program but also interviewed the applicants. Twenty-five fellowship students from Toronto went to Jerusalem last year.

If Aish has profited from Bob's expertise, Bob says he has benefited from what Aish has to offer. Although he learned no Talmud while growing up, Bob's been studying that classic of Jewish civilization for the past two years at Aish Hatorah Toronto.

Bob comes by his involvement in the Jewish community naturally. His grandfather, Abba Danilack, taught at the Neptune campus of Associated Hebrew Schools for close to 30 years. (The Leslie campus bears his name and that of his wife, Esther.) Bob's mother, Norine, was the first woman chairman of Bonds' Toronto branch and Bob's father, John, spearheaded the construction of the Leslie as well as Associated's Finch campus.

Bob Daniels

When he's not trying to interest more young people in SIB, Bob is busy handling the reins of Daniels Development Corporation which puts up office and industrial buildings as well as apartment and townhouse condominiums in Toronto.

Right now, his hands are full rebuilding Copperfield, a complex of 126 townhouses on Adelaide St. west of Bathurst which burned down in a spectacular nighttime blaze in June. Sixty-two units worth more than $3 million were destroyed in the fire which left Bob chastened but not defeated.

"It was a tragedy...but not really the end of the world," he says, adding that fortunately no-one was hurt.

Bob is also busy with phase 2 of the Dakota, his condominium cum office building at the corner of Davenport and Avenue Rd. Phase 2 will see the construction of a 40,000 sq. ft. office building to join the 100 condos already built.

To the daily challenges of running Daniels Development, Bob brings 7 years experience in the building business having first entered the field in 1981. Later, he went into partnership with his father (a co-founder of Cadillac-Fairview Corp.) and, in early 1986, branched out on his own.

Today, Daniels Developments employs 22 people including planners, engineers, secretaries, marketing experts and accountants.

A native Torontonian, Bob attended York Mills Collegiate and the Adath Israel cheder before picking up a BSc in economics from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

He's married to the former Robin Gottlieb. They have one child, Marissa, who's 10 months old. The Daniels attend Beth Tzedec Synagogue and live in Forest Hill Village.

Sports facility renamed to honor Esther Shiner

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A brief ceremony of rededication was held July 17 to rename a popular sports facility in North York in honor of Controller Esther Shiner who died last December.

Mayor Mel Lastman unveiled the new name, Esther Shiner Stadium, atop the scoreboard of the North York Civic Stadium on Bathurst just north of Finch. Controller Shiner was present at the official opening of the facility June 21, 1984.

The large crowd, awaiting the beginning of a Canadian Soccer League game between the North York Rockets and the Hamilton Steelers, heard the brief tributes to Controller Shiner from Mayor Lastman, Metro Toronto Chairman C. Dennis Flynn, former Metro chairman Paul V. Godfrey and Gordon Hutchinson, commissioner of parks and recreation for North York.

Mark Shiner, the controller's son, responded on behalf of the family. Sol Shiner, her husband, was also present.

Mayor Lastman told The CJN that the renaming of the stadium is an "appropriate memorial" to Esther Shiner because it is the finest soccer playing field in Canada, constructed in such a way that it will dry in 20 minutes after a heavy rain.

"This stadium is a big thing with the people of North York and its renaming matches the regard with which Mrs. Shiner was held by the people of North York."

The fame of the field has spread across Canada, the mayor said, and visiting teams all want to play there. York University teams play their games in the Esther Shiner Stadium.

Lastman recalled that the money to build the stadium was raised at a dinner at $15,00 a plate, or two plates for $25,000. "I learned that fund raising technique in Israel," he said. "The stadium didn't cost the taxpayers a cent."

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Apartment opens for abused Jewish women

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish community's first apartment for abused women has opened its doors to provide victims of domestic violence with a safe home and necessary support services.

A pilot project sponsored jointly by B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, Jewish Family & Child Service, the safe house is also being funded by the Endowment Fund of Toronto Jewish Congress.

The 2-bedroom apartment unit has complete kosher eating facilities and four beds, as well as a sofa bed and crib, to accommodate either a mother and her children or a woman alone. It was furnished by BBW/C through donations from the community. The unit also includes an emergency alarm which connects with the police.

The apartment is staffed by BBW/C volunteers who have been specially trained to respond to the needs of the abused victim. Judy Wolf, one of the 18 volunteers involved in the project, said their job is to be there when needed for the clients. She said this may include listening to their concerns, taking them around the community and providing much needed support.

JF & CS project coordinator Fay Geitzhals said clients can live at the apartment for up to 90 days and are expected to come to JF & CS for counselling while residing there.

Since opening in June, Geitzhals said one woman and her child have used the facility. During that time she said the volunteers "rallied for the woman" and she eventually went back to her husband. She added that the couple is now coming to JF & CS for counselling.

Geitzhals said that if successful, she believes the pilot project will be expanded and another apartment acquired. Wolf agreed, saying BBW/C would like to offer a number of apartments across Canada as a place for Jewish women to start a new life.

She said Toronto was chosen as the pilot site as there seemed to be more potential here. However she added that BBW/C hopes to move into Montreal and Winnipeg and other communities once the project is successfully under way here.

For further information contact Fay Geitzhals, Rayna Kobler or Teri Kay at JF & CS at (416) 638-7800.

Federal election map redrawn

TORONTO —

An additional 13 federal ridings will be added to the country's 282 existing constituencies whenever Prime Minister Brian Mulroney chooses to call a national election.

The new boundaries came into effect July 14, bringing the new total number of ridings to 295, with four going to Ontario, five to Alberta, and four to British Columbia.

While Metro Toronto only gets the two new ridings of Scarborough-Agincourt and Scarborough-Rouge River, (Ottawa and Mississauga get the other two), a number of Toronto area ridings have been redistributed with new boundaries and, in some cases, have been given new names.

The long established ridings of Trinity and Spadina have been combined to form Trinity-Spadina and Bill Attewell's old riding of Don Valley East has been changed with the north-eastern corner being called Don Valley North and the former ridng of York East becoming the new Don Valley East.

Because of the latter change, Attewell decided to seek a new riding and has already obtained the Conservative nomination in the new riding of Markham, which was cut out of the old riding of York North.

Other changes in Toronto will see the lakeshore riding of Beaches become Beaches-Woodbine.

The changes are a result of population shifts reported in the 1981 census, which in some areas like Markham and York North, are already greatly out of date.

Shabbaton set for Chinatown

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Chicken soup with chopsticks?

That's what's on the bill at a shabbaton July 29 at the Anshei Minsk Synagogue in the heart of Toronto's Chinatown.

The 2-day event, featuring music and dancing, is a way of telling Jews downtown that they have their own neighborhood synagogue, says Danny Schonbuch who came up with the idea for the shabbaton.

Schonbuch says Anshei Minsk wants to reach out to the many young adults who live south of Dupont. It's of particular importance, he adds, that students downtown — especially those from out of town — know there is a shul where they can go for Shabbat.

Rabbi Shmuel Spiro, who has been at the "Minsker" for the past seven months, will conduct the shabbaton. He will also conduct a tour of Chinatown's Jewish landmarks.

The shabbaton is being organized by both Anshei Minsk and Ohr Somayach-JEP. For further information, call: 595-5723 or 785-5899.

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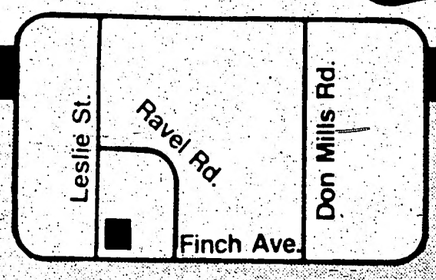

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Winners reflect diverse backgrounds

6 Canadian students win Bronfman fellowships

MONTREAL — Six Canadian high school students are among the 25 winners of the 1988 Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships for a 6-week study program in Israel.

The 25, chosen from 400 applicants, flew to Israel July 12 following an orientation seminar in New York City.

Bronfman established the Fellowship to help overcome a dearth of young Jewish communal leaders. He said the emphasis should be on developing skills in these students to appreciate diverse viewpoints so they become committed to Jewish unity.

The Canadian winners are Jonathan David Tepperman, 16, of Windsor, Robyn Farber, 17, of Thornhill, and Jeremy Brahm Hockenstein, 16, Ayelet Kuper, 15, and Zvi Shimon, 17, of Montreal and Adam Zanbilowicz, of Comox, B.C. All six will enter their senior year of high school in the Fall.

Tepperman, a student of Detroit Country Day school, is an honor student, and a member of his school's tennis and track teams. He is also editor of the literary magazine, plays tenor saxophone in the school's concert and jazz bands and is a cartoonist and graphic artist who has had his work published in Merlin's Pen, a national literary magazine.

Farber, a student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, is student council treasurer and serves as her school's representative to the Torah High School Network. A community service volunteer, she works at the Baycrest Geriatric Centre and is a youth leader at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Hockenstein, a student at West Island College, is a member of his school's hockey, soccer and volleyball teams. He is active on the West Island College student council and its yearbook committee. In addition, he currently serves as president of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization for the Laurentian region and as an organizer of teen programs for Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Kuper, an honor student in science at Bialik High School in Cote St. Luc, scored the highest mark in Quebec in the University of Waterloo's Gauss Mathematics Contest. She is also interested in dramatics, having studied with the director of the Montreal Yiddish Theatre and acted in two of its recent productions.

Shimon, a student at Herzliah High School in Snowdon, is a swimmer as well as a varsity basketball and soccer player. He is involved in activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry and is also enrolled in advanced Bible and Talmud studies, as well as being a youth congregation leader at Beth Zion Synagogue.

Zanbilowicz is a student at Highland Secondary School in Comox, B.C. He is a skilled skier and golfer and plays saxaphone in his school's band. Active in school dramatics, he is also a tutor and counsellor to fellow students. He is also active in United Synagogue Youth.

This is the second year of the Fellowships launched by Bronfman who is chairman of the Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish Congress.

Six Canadian winners of the 1988 Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships, pose with Bronfman before leaving for five weeks of study, travel and dialogue in Israel. They are (left to right) Jeremy Hackenstein, Zvi Shimon and Ayelet Kuper, all of Montreal; Bronfman; Robyn Farber, Thornhill; Jonathan Tepperman, Windsor, and Adam Zanbilowicz, Comox, BC.

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Revival on at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre

The Fantasticks retains magical quality called charm

By
FRANK RASKY

Ah, nostalgia!
"Try to remember
The kind of September
When life was slow
And oh so mellow . . ."

Well, a good many of us around still do remember hearing this evergreen song when it was first performed in the perenially popular musical play, *The Fantasticks*, at Toronto's Central Library Theatre in 1963.

It starred the likes of Bruno Gerussi and Diane Stapley, just launching their theatre careers, and it ran for what was then a record-breaking 22 weeks in Toronto.

Indeed, according to the Guinneess Book Of World Records, *The Fantasticks* is the world's longest-running musical show at one theatre.

Concocted by two Texas former college buddies, composer Harvey Schmidt and writer-lyricist Tom Jones, it has been running continuously at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse since its opening there in 1960.

Why has it endured? Perhaps because it contains that indefinable, magical quality we call charm.

Whatever the reason, let us sing hallelujah to Bob Baker, the recent Dora Award-winning director of *B Movie: The Play*, for once again reviving the charmer locally. It runs until Aug. 6 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre (Queen's Quay Terminal, at the foot of York St., 973-4000).

The whimsical romance, adapted from Edmond Rostand's 1894 play, *Les Romanesques*, is staged with a splendid cast of eight. Musical director of its band of piano, harp and drums is Bob Ashley. And the barebones set by *B Movie* designer Leslie Frankish consists of a simple blue raised platform, with five steps on either side.

Any costume change required is whisked from a big trunk atop the platform. Likewise any scenery needed is suggested enchantingly in mime by mute prop man Gerard Theoret, former soloist with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

The informal mood is set by the singer and narrator, El Gallo (Louis Padilla, who recently starred as Haman in Elizabeth Swados' Off-Broadway *Esther: A Vaudeville Megillah*).

He introduces the fresh-faced boy called Matt (Brian Hill) in love with the equally innocent girl next door called Luisa (Kymberley Huffman — both recently returned from touring Canada and the U.S. in Brian Macdonald's *HMS Pinafore*). Their naivete is reflected in 16-year-old Luisa's confession: "I'm somebody special. Please, God, don't make me normal!"

To avoid cloying sentimentality, Baker has turned the boy's father (Howard Jerome, a veteran of Jewish comedy parts at the Leah Posluns) and the girl's father (Grant Cowan, who played the same role in the 1963 Toronto production) into a pair of clowning vaudevillians in loud checked baggy pants).

While doing an old soft-shoe tap dance routine, the conspirators reveal how they've built a wall between their homes on the theory that the best way to bring the lovers together is to make it seem they're kept apart.

When the time seems ripe for their children's marriage, the fathers hire El Gallo as a bandit. They hatch a scheme whereby El Gallo, with two fellow abductors, will be foiled by Matt in their pretended attempt to kidnap Luisa.

The producers have enclosed a lengthy note in the program explaining away the offensive lyrics in the *Rape Ballet* song, which in the 1960s were used for their comedy shock effect. ("You can get the rape emphatic. You can get the rape polite. You can get the rape with Indians a very comic sight.")

The note apologizes that the so-called rape has "absolutely no violent or sexual connotations;" there is no intent whatsoever to "glamorize what we recognize as one of the grave social issues of our day."

The apologia is unnecessary, because El Gallo's paid abductors are such a klutzy pair of ham thespians, more endearing than menacing. One is Edward Atienza, a vintage Stratford Shakespearean, who declaims while in Elizabethan tights the ancient cliche: "There are no small parts, sirrah, only small actors."

His partner is Kenneth Wickes, also a Stratford veteran. He is dressed befeathered in red underwear and pretending to be an Indian — though the beady-eyed chap speaks in pure Oxford English.

When the boy and girl realize that the rescue was a hoax trumped up by their scheming fathers, they become disillusioned and go their separate jaded ways. "After all," says 20-year-old Matt accusingly, "you're nothing but a freckled adolescent — just the girl next door!"

Eventually they both get together again, somewhat battered emotionally and more worldly wise, but linked by a more mature love. As El Gallo sings shrewdly in *Try to Remember*, "without a hurt the heart is hollow."

Harbourfront is justly promoting *The Fantasticks* with the arresting phrase that "sometimes on second glance, an old chestnut turns out to be a forgotten gem."

Howard Jerome (left) and Grant Cowan are featured as a pair of comic vaudevillian fathers in baggy striped pants in The Fantasticks at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre.

Struggles for Poland provides substantial summer fare

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Viewers yearning for some TV summer fare that is substantial, interesting, and enlightening may find *Struggles for Poland* (Tuesdays 9-10 p.m., channel 17 in the Toronto area) worthwhile.

The 9-part series, sponsored in part by the Polish American Congress, continues to the end of August.

If the bulk of the series is like the first episode — which concluded with the post-World War I conflicts between newly reborn Poland and Germany, the Ukraine, and the USSR — viewers will get a rare and valuable presentation on modern European history. The latter is presented through an independence-minded Poland as active participant, one still making headlines with Solidarity and other movements.

Hosted and narrated by newscaster Roger Mudd, the episodes combine recent interviews with old film and photo documentary material. They are professional and well done.

Poland straddles the border between East and West. The more expansionary Russia on the East and Germany on the West meant less territory and independence for Poland. For 200 years preceding World War I, its territories were completely carved up by Russia, Germany and the Austro-Hungarian empire. Earlier, it had been one of the largest countries in Europe.

Also mentioned in the broadcast was that Poland was the home of Europe's largest Jewish community. Interviewees include several Jews from Poland recalling, in the first episode, bewildering clash of Polish, Ukrainian and Soviet troops around their homes. Also recalled was the slaughter of about 70 Jews among some 300 civilians by Polish troops.

This reviewer is looking forward with much interest to how the series will treat the Holocaust and instances of post-war anti-semitism through the 70s.

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Arts

Berkshire Festival dispenses joy of music

Tanglewood marks 50th birthday with celebrations

By
GERRY MORRIS

LENOX, Mass. —

The official name of that sanctuary of musical activity that takes place every summer between the towns of Lenox and Stockbridge, Mass., is the Berkshire Festival, but hardly anyone ever calls it that; it is known universally as Tanglewood, and it is now in its 50th year of dispensing the joy of music.

This year the Tanglewood season opened and will close with major celebrations. To mark the 50th anniversary of the first concert in the Tanglewood Music Shed, Seiji Ozawa, who was one of the great maestros of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and is now conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, began the 1988 season in the Berkshires by leading the Tanglewood Chorus, orchestra and four soloists in a soul-stirring performance of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*.

Caricature of
Gerry Morris
by Al Hirschfeld

In 1938, music director Serge Koussevitzsky chose to conduct the same work to celebrate the opening of the Music Shed. (A Russian Jew, Koussevitzsky bequeathed his library to The Israel Philharmonic).

Also on the opening weekend Ozawa led the orchestra in Beethoven's *"Third Piano Concerto"* which featured pianist Vladimir Feltsman. Feltsman, also a Soviet Jew, recently emigrated to the U.S. and was making his debut with the Boston Symphony. His playing was strong and expressive and the audience burst into cheers as soon as Beethoven's last note was sounded.

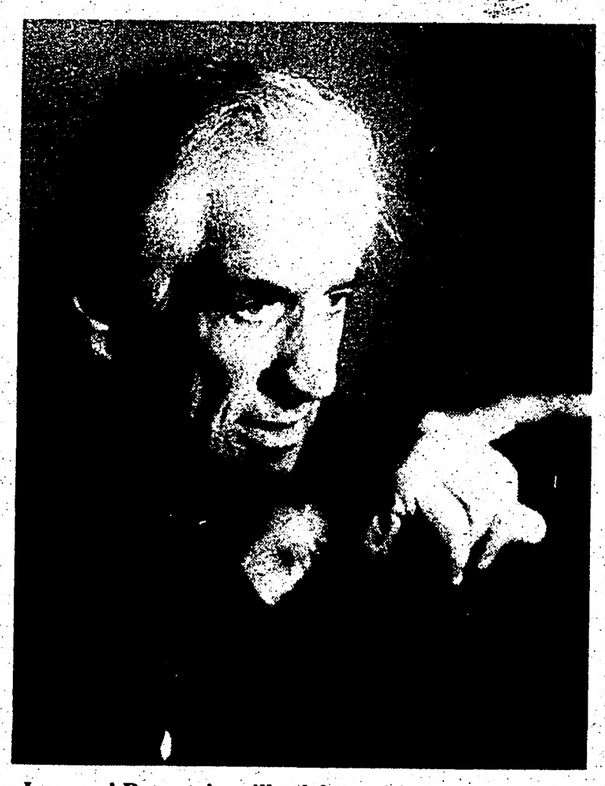
Like Canada's Stratford festival the Berkshire Festival started in a tent, but when the elements and Wagner got into conflict the Berkshire Symphonic Board decided on a campaign to raise funds to build a "music shed." This gracefully curving 5,100-seat structure is repeatedly filled to overflowing, with the audience spilling out onto the 210 acres of lawns and meadows. One sees on these grounds the most esthetic-looking picnickers in America listening beneath the stars as the music wafts out through the sides and rear of the shed.

Pavilion rededicated

Concert crowds come early. Making themselves comfortable, they spread out blankets, kick off their shoes and enjoy a light snack of wine and cheese. Others come equipped with folding chairs, lawn umbrellas and coolers that bulge with food. Still others make it an occasion for elaborate, elegant meals replete with chilled wine and candelabra.

In a recent mid-concert opening night ceremony Boston Symphony Orchestra president George H. Kidder rededicated the music pavilion as the Serge Koussevitzsky Music Shed. "This shed," said Kidder, "was dedicated in 1938 without a commemorative name. For 50 years it has been known as the Music Shed, but for 50 years there has been a building here which was the reality of Dr. Koussevitzsky's dream — a music festival of international renown and a summer school of unsurpassed quality."

Seiji Ozawa also paid tribute: "I think it's fantastic. He, Maestro Koussevitzsky, had great dreams. Usually dreams don't come, but his dreams came true. It is time now to recognize Dr. Koussevitzsky's contribution."



Leonard Bernstein will celebrate his 70th birthday at Tanglewood in August. [Photo by Heinz H. Weissenstein, Whitestone Photo, Lennoxm Mass.]

One of the music world's great occasions will take place the final weekend of the summer beginning Aug. 25: a 4-day celebration with Leonard Bernstein on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Because of Bernstein's long association with Tanglewood — as a protege of Koussevitzsky, he was a student at the Tanglewood Music Center in 1940, and he has returned to Tanglewood virtually every year since — it is particularly fitting that he has chosen to celebrate his 70th birthday at the BSO's summer home. The celebration will highlight Bernstein's accomplishments as conductor, performer, composer and teacher. There will be performances by Bernstein's friends and colleagues from the fields of classical and popular music, dance and theatre, with the maestro present for all occasions. Two years in the making, the celebration promises to be the event of the season and maybe of the decade.

Consider the drawing power of Lauren Bacall, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, Hildegard Behrens, Christa Ludwig, Rostopovich, Yo-Yo Ma and other luminaries! Beverly Sills will act as Master of Ceremonies.

In addition to performances of all Bernstein's major works, including a fully staged performance of his *Mass*, there will be exhibits of Bernstein's manuscripts, photographs and videos, as well as films of *On The Waterfront* and *West Side Story*, for which he wrote the music.

The next Tanglewood excitement continues throughout the summer bringing together a wealth of performances and an awesome array of the finest international artists, including Claudio Arrau, Emmanuel Ax, Alicia Larrocha, James Galway, Shlomo Mintz, Itzhak Perlman and Peter Serkin.

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Summer in the picture-book Berkshires country is synonymous with culture, and every year the lineup of activities grows larger and lasts longer, and the offerings grow more eclectic at the region's stages, concert halls and museums. Particularly enjoyable this year was the loving tribute to legendary Broadway and film composer Burton Lane *(Finians Rainbow, Royal Wedding, On a Clear Day)* featuring Academy and Tony Award winning actress Maureen Stapleton as MC. This event was produced by innkeeper Frank Newton and his son Kevin. Frank and his wife Mary are the genial hosts of the Gables Inn, one of the more charming inns of the region.

Jazz buffs find numerous small clubs offering easy listening on a summer night, and art lovers head to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Wiliamstown, which houses one of the world's greatest single permanent collections of French Impressionist masterpieces.

Theatrically, most of the attention focuses on The Williamstown Theater and the Berkshire Theater in Stockbridge. Balletomanes flock to Jacob's Pillow. Once a modest centre, it has become home to one of the most notable dance festivals in the country, offering programs of remarkable diversity, ranging from the classical ballet, to contemporary dance of all kinds, as well as to folk dances from every culture.

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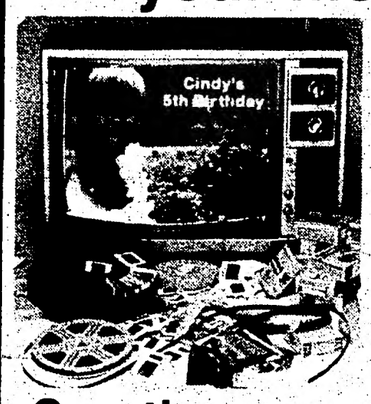

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Judaism has always afforded women a high honored place. The Bible commands a child to honor and revere his mother. He must not only listen to his father's commands, but also to his mother's directions. Two books of the Bible are named after women: Ruth the convert, who was the ancestor of King David; and Esther who saved her people from destruction. The Bible lauds women who incarnated courage, wisdom and fidelity: Miriam, sister of Moses and Aaron; Deborah, the judge; Hulda, the prophetess, and many others.

The Jewish woman was the presiding genius and guardian of the home. She was responsible for the early religious training of her children and for a multiplicity of household duties. Because of these many obligations, Jewish law released her from many religious practices — especially those tied to specific times — such as daily worship and the study of Torah.

At her marriage, protection was granted to her in an unusual way. Her marriage contract stipulated that if divorced she would receive a specified sum of money. Her husband was obligated to provide food, shelter, clothing and medical attention. The Talmud teaches that a husband must guard against causing his wife to shed tears, for "God counts the tears of women."

There is, unfortunately, another stream of Jewish tradition that reflects in large measure the Middle East conception of the woman's place in society. She is an inferior creature before the law. She cannot be called upon as a witness to give testimony. She, of course, cannot be a judge. Her father is not obligated to provide her with more than a modest religious education and she cannot be counted in the traditional minyan — the quorum of 10.

To sum up, though honored and loved, women occupied a subordinate position in Jewish society. Their inferior status with regard to marriage, divorce, the levirate, inheritance, and many other aspects of life is clear and undeniable, and has been documented time and again.

It is to the credit of Judaism that women's actual status has always been nobler and finer than her legal position would indicate.

About 15 years ago the Reform movement ordained the first woman rabbi in Jewish history. She has been joined by many of her sisters, and it is estimated that by 1990 about 20% to 25% of all Reform rabbinical students will be women.

Orthodoxy has steadfastly refused the ordination of women as contrary to halacha.

The Ordination of Women as Rabbis contains a dozen or so articles and studies relating to the recent decision of the Jewish Theological Seminary to ordain women for the rabbinate.

This watershed event in Jewish life aroused vehement sentiments of both approval and unhappiness. The articles in this volume by seminary faculty members present both points of view and will be of interest to students of halacha, those interested in the place of women in the Jewish tradition and how social forces and attitudes alter traditional concepts.

Rabbi Robert Gordis, an influential Conservative spokesman, sums up the argument: "In the face of major problems confronting the survival of Judaism, the role of women in contemporary society and the ethical issues involved, no halachic objections of substance have been adduced. The truth is that halacha neither sanctions nor forbids the ordination of women — it never contemplated the possibility."

Somewhat specialized in nature, but readable throughout, this volume is an important addition to the library of books concerned with the status of women in modern society and Jewish life.

Kings of comedy to play O'Keefe

TORONTO —

Seven of the world's best known comedians will be on stage at O'Keefe Centre Aug. 2-6 in individual performances.

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George Carlin, concert, movie and TV star, brings his outrageous observations to the O'Keefe stage, Aug. 3.

David Brenner reveals his unique anecdotal family humor Aug. 4 and his special guest will be Elayne Boosler with her view of the woman's side of relationships.

Buddy Hackett appears on Aug. 5, while on the final night, Aug. 6, it will be Toronto's own Howie Mandel taking centre stage.

Events at Earl Bales

TORONTO —

A week of varied entertainment with free admission at the new amphitheatre of Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park begins Aug. 6 at 4 p.m. with a children's program, Magic Unlimited's *Cuthbert and the Dragon's Teeth.*

At 8 p.m., Aug. 6 and 7, the National Chamber Orchestra plays both classical and pop music. On Aug. 7, as well, at 4 p.m., Dr. Bandoli's *Good Time Show* for the family will be staged.

On Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. it's an evening of Israeli songs featuring Jenny Eisenstein and Yossi and his music. Nathan Garnick directs the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre as part of the program. This always draws a big crowd . . . so come early.

Piper, a Broadway style musical, will be presented Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. by seven gifted young performers.

On Aug. 11, 8 p.m., the Northdale Concert Band will entertain with light classics, Broadway show tunes, marches and pop songs.

Other events in the Skylight's August festival will be announced in future issues of The CJN.

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Arts

Like a walk down memory lane

Golden oldie musical comedy real corker of a show

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Golden oldie musical comedies are like old golden memories — they never really lose their lustre.

All that's needed is an enterprising showman who can sniff out their potential hidden under the tarnish of years. With a little polish here and a little updating there, plus some adroit showcasing, he can revive a show with most of its glitter intact.

That's certainly true of the musical walk down Memory Lane, *Me And My Girl*(running until July 31 at the O'Keefe Centre). Its jolliest showstopper occurs at the end of the first act, when the entire cast of 44 walk offstage and into the audience. They then demonstrate the infectious dance craze of the 1930s, *The Lambeth Walk*.

Slapping their knees, wagging their fingers, and intermittently yelling "Oi!," they sing of the cheap and cheerful Cockney life, where "Everythin' is free and easy/ Doin' what you darn well pleasy."

Those jaunty lyrics reflect the spirit of this British music hall revival, which is brassy, corny and rowdy. But, blimey mates, it's also a likeable corker of a show.

With music by Noel Gay and book by Arthur Rose, the musical originated in 1937 as a vehicle for Lupino Lane, the great London comic actor (and father of Hollywood actress Ida Lupino).

Gay's son resurrected it in 1985. He retained its burlesque stage business, but hired Stephen Fry to bring the book up to date. It has since continued as a toe-tapping hit both on the West End and Broadway.

The lavish touring production brought to the O'Keefe by Toronto impressario Garth Drabinsky features Tim Curry in the star comic role. He's probably best known as Dr. Frank N. Furter, the transsexual from Transylvania in the 1970s cult film classic, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and the giggling Mozart in the original Broadway version of *Amadeus*.

Tim Curry stars as a happy-go-lucky Cockney who inherits an earldom in Me And My Girl at the O'Keefe Centre.

Enjoyed with a goofy grin, a rubbery face, and a dotty sense of humor, Curry masters his role winsomely. He portrays a masculine version of Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*. He's a happy-go-lucky Cockney named Bill, who lives by his wits as a barrow fruit peddler-cum-pickpocket.

In the opening scene, when he is ushered into the elegant, 100-room Hareford Hall with its platoon of butlers, the poor bloke almost goes off his chump. He is informed that he is a belted earl and the estate's last surviving heir entitled to an income of 100,000 pounds a year.

The only catch is that he must learn to behave like a proper toff. This means he might have to marry a blueblood and therefore giving up his sweet Lambeth girl friend, Sally (played by Texas actress Donna Bullock with a dubious Cockney accent that isn't bleeding likely to be believed).

But the duchess dragon lady who tries to tutor him has an impeccable Mayfair accent (played with plummy hauteur by New York actress Lenka Petersen as though she were always smelling a sour pickle). Alas, to quote Bill's malapropism, she fails in her mission to change a sow's purse into a silken ear.

Nevertheless the process of learning the ways of the gentry allows Curry to indulge in some wonderfully manic verbal and visual buffoonery. I rather enjoyed Bill's riposte when he was asked: "Do you like Kipling?" His answer: "I don't know, Guv. I've never kippled."

And I laughed my head off in the hilarious scene, having nothing to do with the story line, when Curry wrestles with a tigerskin rug while simultaneously fending off the serpentine advances of a fortune-hunting Lady Jacqueline (the viperish Susan Cella).

Director Mike Ockrent and choreographer Gillian Gregory have staged the singing dance numbers with mucho gusto. I especially liked the inane croquet-playing ballet *The Sun Has Got His Hat On* and the George Formby music hall standard, *Leaning On A Lamppost*.

Altogether, this knockabout oldie is a goodie that's a bit of all right, chum, i'nit?

Pianists say thank you to Jewish community

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —

Classical pianists Boris Zarankin and his wife Inna Perkis-Zarankin, played a benefit performance here recently for the Jewish Family Service Agency.

The benefit was a "thank you" to the Vancouver community for its help in bringing Inna's family out of the Soviet Union, permitting her mother and grandmother to be reunited after a 10-year separation.

The husband and wife team formerly lived in Vancouver and now reside in Toronto. Inna Zarankin dedicated the evening to her late father, Gregory Perkis.

Rene Bellas, chair of the Vancouver Action for Soviet Jews, and host of the evening, thanked the people who made the reunion possible. Mike Harcourt, former mayor and new provincial NDP leader, was one of them.

"These family reunions are a step in the right direction and we maintain a commitment that all families that want to be reunited can be reunited," said the present mayor, Gordon Campbell.

Musically the concert had a mixed flavor. The two pianos were arranged in parallel so that Inna who played the upstage piano was visually masked by her husband.

The Brahms *Russian Souvenir, a Fantasy on Five Russian Songs*, was pleasant, but the duo did not do so well with Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. The second half of the program suited their style better with Liszt's *Mephisto Waltz*, being the highlight.

It was evident that the gesture of returning to Vancouver by the Zarankins was warmly received by the Jewish community as "another kind of family reunion."

Glick premiere

TORONTO —

Visions Through Darkness, the latest composition by Srul Irving Glick, will have its world premiere at the Three Centuries Festival in Elora, Ont., Aug. 5, opening the 9th season of the festival.

Subtitled An Oratorio of Our Time, it will be narrated by Christopher Newton, artistic director of the Shaw Festival, the narrator being conceived as a spokesman for 20th century man.

The 90-minute composition will be broadcast on CBC Stereo's Arts National on Aug. 29, 8 p.m. and Choral Concert on Sept. 25 at 8.08 a.m.

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Lots of razzle dazzle showmanship, but...

Outdoor Shakespeare production lacks subtle nuances

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

You may have seen productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* more innovative than the one currently staged by Lewis Baumander (running until July 31 at the open-air Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard).

Others that come to mind include Jan Kott's controversial 1966 production in San Francisco. It transformed Shakespeare's *Dream* into an erotic nightmare, with a light bulb flashing on and off in the codpieces of the two rival male lovers.

Or there was Peter Brook's avant garde 1970 production in London. It portrayed the fairies as menacing spiders performing on trapezes high in a web-like set.

In various productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the fairies were depicted as either puppets with disembodied voices, or as prancing naked satyrs.

A BBC-TV version had Puck as a Cockney dropping his h's. In contrast, John Hirsch's 1984 dark version of the play at the Stratford Festival presented a Puck who was more a malevolent hobgoblin than a mischievous sprite.

And then there was Robin Phillips' sunny version at Stratford in 1976. The whole play was presented as though it were a dream by Shakespeare's royal patron, Queen Elizabeth I herself.

What makes Baumander's version of the Shakespearean fantasy so exceptional is that you can be sure of *hearing* every line more distinctly than in any other production.

The reason, of course, is that he has mounted it in the new $2.4 million, white concrete amphitheatre, with 1,500 tiered seats, and a thrust apron stage of natural cedar. Architect Barton Myers has modelled it after the classic Greek outdoor theatres.

Kerry Dorey and Gina Wilkinson co-star as enchanted, mixed-up lovers in A Midsummer Night's Dream at the new Skylight Amphitheatre at Earl Bales Park.

And yes, it's true what they say about the acoustics of the great Grecian stadiums under the stars: if the actors have been properly trained in diction, you can even hear words whispered.

Canada's only amphitheatre is a dream come true for Baumander, who eight years ago founded North York's company of Skylight troupers who performed "free on a grassy hill."

It must be said, though, that the cast of 20 he has assembled for Shakespeare's *Dream* are a mixed bag, as uneven as Baumander's traditional straightforward interpretation of the Bard's most popular comedy.

It's also Shakespeare's most complex comedy, masquerading as a fairy-tale. It's about myth and magic, about illusion and reality, about the blindness and beauty of love, all told in some of Shakespeare's loveliest poetry. But Baumander has overly stressed its visual spectacle and broad comedic action, and in the process has overlooked the subtle nuances.

We are given Walt Disneyish rocks and trees that become animated like humans and a roman candle fireworks display that almost matches the CNE's grandstand pyrotechnics. But, regrettably, the moonbeam delicacy of verse and profundity of thought are lost in the razzle-dazzle showmanship.

Two of his main players struck me as being miscast.

Marvin Ishmael, the Black actor who played the primitive Caliban in the Skylight's version of *The Tempest* last summer, seems out of his depth this season. He attempts to portray the double roles of two regal, highly sophisticated figures — Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Oberon, the king of fairies.

His fairy monarch is flavorless, and his duke botches the richness of the play's most poetic speech beginning:

"The lunatic, the lover, and the poet
Are of imagination all compact . . ."

Maurice Godin, who made a swashbuckling D'Artagnan in the Skylight's *Three Musketeers*, likewise fumbles the role of the mercurial Puck. The puckish irony simply isn't there when the jester observes about the four young lovers who are the butts of his pranks: "What fools these mortals be."

On the positive side, those four young romantics who become infatuated with other partners after Puck has sprinkled his magical potion in their eyes, are strongly individualized as characters.

I was especially impressed by the short, dark Gina Wilkinson (the former Maria in Skylight's *Twelfth Night*) who turns Hermia into a hair-pulling, face-scratching spitfire; and the tall, blonde Ellen Maguire (so effective as Laurie in *I'm Not Rappaport* at the Royal Alexandra last year) who expresses poignantly the masochistic sorrow of the jilted Helena.

The evening's standout was Benedict Campbell, the son of Stratford Festival actor Douglas Campbell, in the comic role of the rustic weaver, Bottom.

His Shakespearean training at Stratford helps young Campbell totally dominate the farcical aspects of what his character calls "Bottom's Dream." He's delightful as the amateur ham actor, who is so eager to play *all* the parts in the *Pyramus And Thisbe* play within a play staged by his fellow artisans.

Though he's presented at first as a fool, he also displays rare sensitivity and common sense when he is placed in a macabre quandary thanks to Puck's cruel practical joke. Not only is Bottom temporarily metamorphosed into an ass; he is also the object of the affections of Titania (Louisa Martin), the queen of the fairies.

When the temporarily smitten enchantress swears, "I love thee," he realizes she is living in a world of illusion. And so he answers wisely: "Methinks, mistress, you should have little reason for that. And yet, to say the truth, reason and love keep little company together nowadays."

The play ends, of course, with the marriage of three couples who apparently have found their true loved ones, and Puck's sly explanation to the audience that the visions they have seemingly witnessed are nothing but a dream conjured up by the "shadows" — meaning actors skilled in creating illusions in their shadowy dream world.

The Skylight will continue its season on Aug. 2, with the presentation of *Frankenstein*, adapted by Baumander and Paul Shapiro. For information, phone 630-4868.

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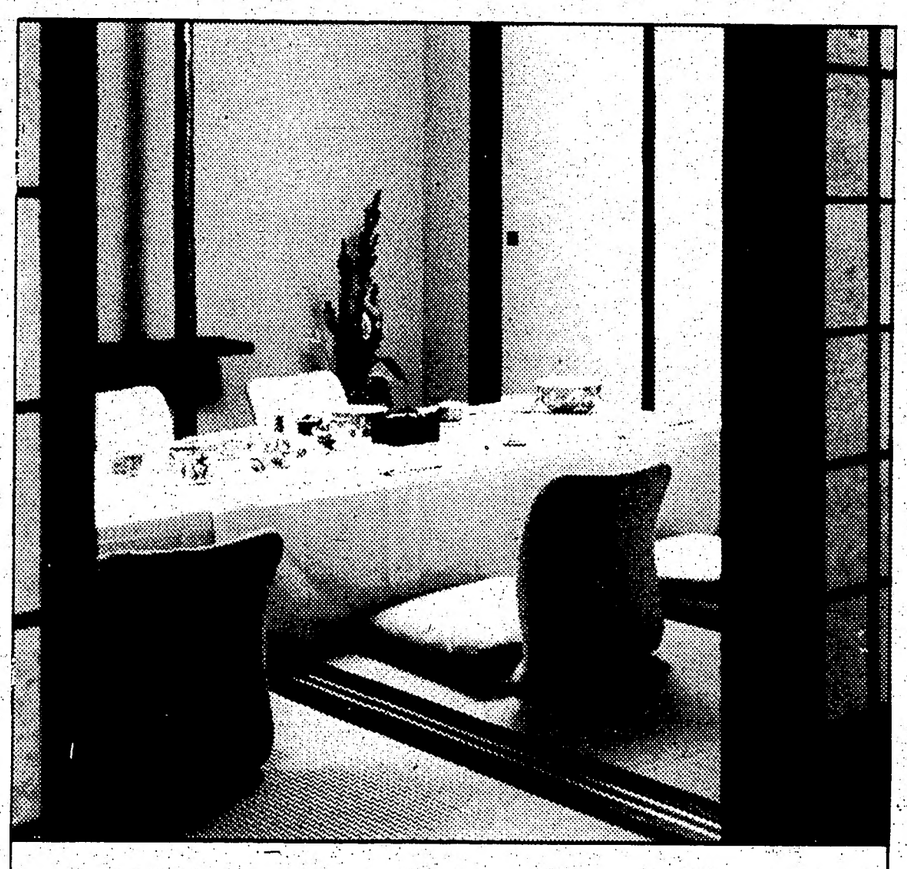

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Arts

Marcuse to choreograph Winnipeg ballet show

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —

Judith Marcuse was recently awarded her second choreographic commission for 1988, this one for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

She beamed, took a deep breath, and leaned back in her chair, "It involves a full orchestra and and choir," Marcuse said proudly. She paused and, giving the news the import it deserved, repeated, "A full orchestra and choir.."

The performance will take place on Nov. 8 at The National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

It is a rare and wonderful treat to be given such resources — a full orchestra and a choir as part of a commission. But then why not?

And why so rare? After all, this is Judith Marcuse, one of Canada's premiere choreographers. The winner of both the Chalmers and Clifford E. Lee Awards for choreography in 1985, she was named YWCA "Woman of Distinction" in the arts and culture category, and in 1986 received the Vancouver Award for Excellence in Theatre.

Marcuse's repertoire includes, besides her own work, some very important contemporary choreographers: Danny Grossman, Ginette Laurin, Lar Lubovitch, Mark Morris, Ohad Naharin and Grant Strate. Still in the fragile and tenuous world of dance and funding problems, such resources as a full orchestra and choir are rare, even for a Marcuse.

So far this year, the JMDC performed Marcuse's commissioned work for the Winter Olympics in Calgary; from January to June, the WCD group performed in BC schools; during March-April, the JMDC went on its fourth cross-Canada tour; from April-May the JMDC presented its second home season in Vancouver and offered a master class; and in September the JMDC will offer new works at the Vancouver Playhouse.

Johnny Five's back in Short Circuit 2

Robot sequel sparks hilarious moments

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Sequels usually tend to be disappointing, and that's not hard to understand. A formula that was fresh and brash and wonderful may seem stale and boring and worthless the second time around.

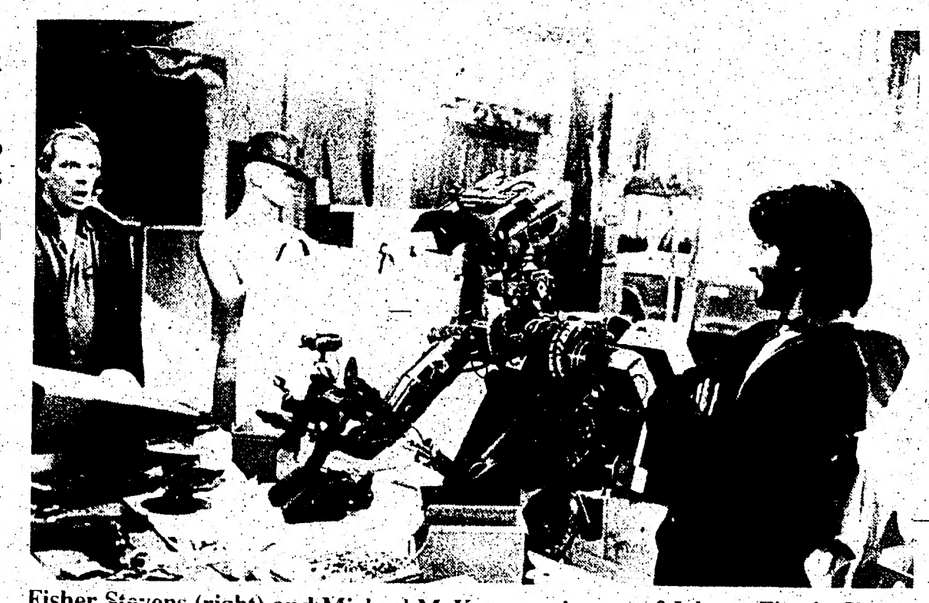
Short Circuit 2, **now playing at Famous Players theatres, escapes that awful fate to a surprising extent.**

Johnny Five, that robot with artificial intelligence and a mind of his own, is back again.

And so is his eccentric East Indian inventor, Ben Jahvri (Fisher Stevens), that brilliant, somewhat bumbling computer engineer.

In *Short Circuit 1*, Ben created an amiable Frankenstein, a robot who could think for himself, could absorb information ("input") faster than a human being, and dreaded the idea of being "dissembled" (dying).

Johnny Five, as he was known to friend and foe alike, was at heart a jolly, hilarious robot (whose charming, offbeat voice is supplied by Tim Blaney). When he was struck by lightning and mortality loomed before his eyes, no one could be unaffected by his plight.



Fisher Stevens (right) and Michael McKean are in awe of Johnny Five in Short Circuit 2.

In *Short Circuit 2*, which is directed by Kenneth Johnson and written by S.S. Wilson and Brent Maddock, Johnny Five, his wit intact, comes to the rescue of Ben and his somewhat sleazy partner, Fred (Michael McKean), saving them from the clutches of jewel thieves.

Not surprisingly, the star of the film is Johny Five, an amazingly versatile robot who can read a book in seconds, quote Shakespearean tragedy, charm a stranger off his or her feet, prompt a shy lover, and take on villains singlehandedly.

But Johnny Five, by the same token, has an inferiority complex and is therefore vulnerable to snake oil salesmen like Oscar (Jack Weston), who has questionable plans up his sleeve.

From a purely technical point of view, Johnny Five is one of the great gadgets of the screen. He's got soul, real personality.

Reprising his role as a scientist, Stevens creates amusing new word formations and mangles sentences in a quaint East Indian accent. Cynthia Gibb is suitably sweet as a toy buyer. Weston tends to ham it up too much.

Clearly, *Short Circuit 2* **lacks the verve and sharpness of its predecessor. After all, a viewer grows accustomed to a talking robot, cute and intelligent though he may be. But** *Short Circuit 2*, **far from being a flop, has its moments of sheer, unadulterated hilarity.**

The picture was shot in Toronto — which looks clean, elegant and eminently liveable. Pity the poor American viewer who thinks that Toronto is Kansas City or Boise.

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Montreal getting set for the Pret

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

The positive reaction to last spring's inaugural Montreal Pret & Collections International show made it easy to prepare for the second one, says show founder and director Gilles Martin.

At a recent press conference in Toronto held to announce plans for this fall's event, scheduled for Oct. 2-4, Martin said the success of the first show will put the Pret on the "must-visit list" for many buyers and exhibitors in Canada and abroad.

The Pret is a non-public trade show for buyers of women's wear and accessories. Classifications include: daywear, evening wear, weekend wear, active sportswear, beachwear, lingerie and retailer services.

About 75% of available space at the Montreal Convention Centre, site of the show, has already been reserved, and more than 1,000 buyers have already registered for the Pret, Martin said. About 5,000 buyers are expected to attend.

As well as the Toronto press conference, show management will stage similar briefings in New York and Chicago, to raise the profile of this biannual event and boost American participation.

Another positive sign for the future success of the show is the fact that 75% of first-time exhibitors are returning this fall.

Among the new exhibitors are such names as Mr. Jax, Oscar de la Renta Knitwear, Fab-Ind and Franck Importations.

Designers showing for the first time include: Roger Edwards, Franco Mirabelli, Coba Reece and Toronto's Fashion Interact (a group of eight designers).

Bernard Heitner, owner of Olympic Leather Fashions and a major exhibitor at both the Montreal Pret and Toronto's Festival of Canadian Fashion, gave a ringing endorsement of the young show.

"The Pret had tremendous energy and a positive atmosphere — terrific for a first show. It's a show for Canada. I don't think it's a problem that Toronto and Montreal both have shows."

Martin, who has organized the extremely successful Canadian International Fur Fair Montreal for seven years, was also careful to stress that the Pret is a national event.

"The show just happens to be in Montreal. It is very important to have participation from across Canada. We want to have the kind of representation from all parts of Canada that will prove the importance of the Pret."

This double-breasted suit by Hardy Amies features a subtle stripe and jetted pockets.

Comfort magic word in Amies collection

By
—MOURA WOLPERT

The Hardy Amies line for men is the impeccably tailored Saville Row look.

It is for businessmen who use clothing to be assertive and look important.

The Queen's couturier was the first, with Pierre Cardin, of the big designers to move into men's wear, says George Ryan, vice-president, sales, of The Coppley Group-Cambridge Clothes, manufacturers of the British designer's line in Canada.

For this season the dominant impression will be one of freedom, Ryan says. Jackets will have a wider shoulder line, lightly padded, with the waist only slightly defined.

Trousers will be pleated, easier fitting but trim at the seat and they will have cuffs.

"Trousers with cuffs hang better."

While recent years have seen dramatic changes in men's sports and leisure wear, change in business wear usually takes about 10 years to work its way down, Ryan says.

"Men must accept fashion, but change must be slow and logical."

Today the "magic word" in men's wear is "comfort."

The double-breasted suit is important this season. Made of softer, lighter fabric, usually "cool wool," the double-breasted jacket is more flexible, more supple and therefore more comfortable to wear.

"You no longer have to button the double-breasted jacket — you will be able to wear it open, almost like a cardigan."

The trend to softer, lighter fabrics also extends to "under materials" such as linings and facings but without sacrificing quality.

"We have rigorous standards of testing and they have to stand up."

Also very important this season is the blazer. In navy, of course, and in strict adherence to British tradition, the Hardy Amies blazer comes with brass buttons.

It is worn with gray trousers, and while that remains the more important look, "we are also finally seeing a return to beige."

For the man who needs to buy just one suit, Ryan recommends the double-breasted suit. Double-breasted, he says, is definitely "the most elegant look."

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Stores eyeing larger market

By
JUNE FONER

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To date the real winners in this growing market are speciality stores. They have been a boon to fashionable plus-size women and have profited by it!

William Drevnig and the late Albert Sherman, who founded Pennington's Large Size Shops, were ahead of the game when they opened their first store specializing in large sizes in 1948. The company now has 180 stores including their Liz Porter outlets.

Two relatively recent contenders for this market, Addition-Elle and Antels, started less than 10 years ago, with several trial stores in key locations. Both of them now have approximately 70 stores each and are growing fast!

Department stores are also getting into the act, by extending size ranges, or establishing special fashion sections offering contemporary fashions for larger sizes.

As well, many established manufacturers making regular-size fashions are beginning to take note. Obviously, style is in demand, no matter what size.

Pennington's caters to all age groups, offering middle to moderately priced fashions in every category, except shoes, jewelry and millinery.

It is the only chain that carries a full range of intimate apparel..

The Liz Porter stores cater to the more casual and youthful consumer, and Pennington's Warehouse Stores offer price sensitive merchandise. A selected number of Pennington's stores in Canada and the United States carry more expensive up-scale fashions.

All merchandise is styled exclusively through private label suppliers. Top management travels the world to select exclusive fabrics and samples of all the important European and North American fashion trends.

Antels is one of this country's youngest and fastest retail fashion chains specializing in women's large sizes. Its well established parent company, Dalmy's, decided to experiment with four stores specializing in plus-size fashions a mere seven years ago.

Advertising director Patricia Quill said, "This business is growing because the baby boom bulge of the 50s has grown up, their figures have matured, and a large percentage of them wear sizes larger than size 16. Our customers want young, fresh, exciting fashions. They want to enjoy buying clothes. They want to be trendy (but not outre) . . . they want to feel "main stream" rather than fringe."

The company motto is, "If the garment fits, a larger women can wear it." Structured styling tends to create fit problems for larger women, whereas one and two piece dresses are very popular. About 90% of the fashions are styled exclusively for them, but the store also sells designer label merchandise including Albert Nipon, Outlander and Paula Saker.

A well-established maternity fashion chain, Shirley K (Canada) Ltd., gave birth to Addition-Elle, which is one of Canada's most aggressive plus-size fashion chains.

It's founder, Max Konigsberg, noticed that large-sized women were buying Shirley K maternity wear, because it gave them the fit and comfort and young styling for which they were looking.

The first experimental Addition-Elle stores were opened in Toronto and Montreal 10 years ago and, to date, there are 73 stores across Canada.

Addition-Elle has a unique sizing system. Printed on a convenient plastic card, it is handed to every customer as she enters the store. The card converts actual body measurements and the variety of sizing systems on the market to a simplified 1-7 size range, which is also color coded to match easily identifiable store price tags.

Sears (Canada) Ltd. introduced a special section for larger sizes in its fall/winter 87 catalogue. Called (Just) For You, the Spring/summer 88 section includes 1- and 2-piece dresses, separates, coordinates, sportswear and housedresses.

Sears offers a broad selection of styles in poly-cotton interlocks. Important color stories are navy and white, and animal-prints. Early season best sellers are a leopard print 1-piece jumpsuit and a 2-piece outfit with a softly pleated dropped yolk skirt.

At Eaton's, a buyer of separates and sportswear said, "Each season's coordinates are pulled together by a color story and exclusive styling. Softer coordinates are becoming more important than structured tailored fashions. Knits and printed knits, 2-piece dressing is popular.

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Fair attracts buyers from many nations

Feminine silhouette dominates German collections

By
JUNE FONER

Headline fashion news may be made by the haute couture designer salons of France and Italy, but one of the largest and most important fashion fairs in the world takes place at the Igedo exhibition grounds in Dusseldorf, Germany.

The Igedo fair is visited by fashion buyers from all over the world, including Canadian buyers from our large department stores and specialty chains.

The following is a report on styles presented at the fair.

Fashions are in tune with the new feminine woman who is tired of wearing masculine-styled business suits. A dress and jacket is going to be a strong alternative to the skirt and jacket for the office.

Square-edged shoulder pads have totally disappeared, but softly rounded ones are still important.

Three basic silhouettes dominate the fashion look for the current season: The long torso, with softly fitting tops combined with short straight or flared skirts; The X-line, which combines shortfitted tops with wide skirts, and The Swinger, trapeze or flare-backed long jackets, worn over short slim dresses or skirts.

Classic fabrics and demure prints evoke the feminine feminist. The mood is decidedly feminine, sometimes to the extent of being positively demure.

This is echoed by the color trends. Pure white and being dressed all in white, alternatively jet black and being dressed entirely in black, promise to be important basic color stories for summer. Other popular basics are ivory, neutrals, summer taupes and grays.

Navy is a perennial favorite and very much so for the current season, because most designers have picked up nautical themes with sailor collars, buttons, hats and anchor motifs. In addition to the basics, other popular colors will be delicate pistachio, eau de nil, mint greens and jade greens, delicate pinks, sky blues, turquoise and a smattering of pale toned-down yellows.

Wolfgang Joop designed this silk-and-linen checked suit that features a culotte skirt.

Summer will be alive with polka dots and bold stripes; demure with minimal, dainty prints; or classic with pinstripes and tattersall, houndstooth, and Prince of Wales checks. Styling will be reminiscent of the late 30s, the 50s and the 60s, and for the most part, figure-revealing.

Short skirts will be in demand. Shorter skirts, cut just below the knee, mid-knee and just above the knee, will be commonplace and are likely to outsell longer skirts. Longer skirts are still there, so women who think that they look more attractive when their legs are hidden can still be in style.

Whatever the length, the bubble seems to have burst, having enjoyed a short, publicized life. Otherwise, I don't think there have ever been more skirt style options available in one season.

You will be able to take your choice from petal panels, tulip shapes, tiered flounces, swirling skirts, sarong wraps, swinging circular skirts, accordian pleats, straight pencil-slim skirts, and empire-line skirts cut to fit directly under the bustline. Split skirts or culottes and sophisticated city-styled bermudas are also going to be very popular.

Blazers have virtually disappeared and have been replaced by an attractive assortment of figure enhancing jackets that are either cropped short to reveal a cinched-waisted skirt or dress, or fluid, fitting, long and lean, covering the derriere and worn over short straight or flared skirts. There are also some new swinging hip-length trapeze shaped jackets which look best over straight skirts and dresses.

Blouses underline the trend towards pure white and tend to be styled in classic simple designs, without ruffles and bows. Shirt or sports blouses were definitively feminine. Many extended below the waist and were styled to be worn over skirts and pants.

Dresses are going to be an appealing alternative to separates for every lifestyle. Best of all, there are dresses that all busy travelling business women are going to love . . . personable in the office but, given a special scarf or piece of jewelry, elegant for dinner, theatre or a party in the evening.

There were lots of strapless figure-clinging elasticized ruche tops and boned bustiers for partywear. Casual knits were usually long and body-skimming, many of which had horizontal stripes. Designer knits favored oversized motifs.

Pants, ankle-length and cropped, are mostly wide-legged Marlene Dietrich inspired with pleats at the waist and narrow turn-ups. There were a lot of city-styled bermudas and culottes and some cropped tight pants styled strictly for the young, worn with knits.

Coats are either very long or short. The most popular are duster coats that swirl or generously cut trench coats cut to just above the ankle. The newest look for coats are short trapeze-line styles, cut just above the knee, swirling from the shoulder blades or from a belted cinched waist.

Important little touches will be very important indeed. You will see attention to details such as buttons that match the trimming on a collar, contrasting buttonhole piping that picks up one color of a print or matches piping on a collar, and bindings on the inside of garments that pick up the highlight color on the outside.

The good news is that you can expect to find new fashions to suit every age, figure type and mood! New trends should not be followed blindly . . . a woman with style understands how to select clothes that enhance her appearance, harmonize with her personality and suit her lifestyle.

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Travel

Three synagogues in area

Jewish settlement part of Lancaster's rich history

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LANCASTER, Pa. — When religious tolerance activist William Penn became governor of the English colony of Pennsylvania in the 17th century, he promoted immigration of religious minorities from Europe. As early as 1710, the first Jew from Italy, Isaac Miranda, came to trade with Indians in the region.

The first Jew to settle in what is now Lancaster was Joseph Simon, who came about 1740 from England, although believed to have been born in Germany. He was a silversmith and merchant trading with the Indians.

He lived to be 94 years old and was leader of the Lancaster Jewish community for many years. He established the first Jewish cemetery in the town in 1747. A few families had come to the area, and religious services were held in the Simon home.

The first congregation built a synagogue there in 1867. Today there are three synagogues in Lancaster, the settlement growing over the past hundred years.

There is much detail to be found about the early Jewish settlement in the Michaelmas 1976 edition of the Journal of the Lancaster Historical Society.

Lancaster, today a city of some 60,000 people, is a good place to start a tour of the quiet Pennsylvania Dutch countryside, mainly settled by religious minorities who came here since the early 18th century.

Mennonites from Germany first settled in the Lancaster area about 1710, and one of their early stone and log houses, Hans Herr House, is on Lancaster's Will St. Gradually others came from England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland and part of today's Czechoslovakia.

In Lancaster you'll find many original 18th century row houses and mansions, now fully restored, and reminders that once this was part of the British colonies in the Americas, with street names such as King, Queen, Prince and Duke.

Before you tour the town, this travel reporter recommends you see a 36-minute introductory film, The Lancaster Experience, at the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau, 501 Greenfield Rd. (phone 717-299-8901). You'll get an overview of the Amish and Mennonite people who live here and their way of life.

Wherever you travel throughout the county, on highways and byways, you will see the horse-drawn carriages of the Amish and Mennonites. The former will have nothing to do with automobiles, while the latter will sometimes have black cars with black-painted bumpers. The Amish have no connections from their houses to the outside world, such as electric power or telephone lines. They only use power which can be stored on their premises.

There is much to see and do throughout Lancaster County. Many of the attractions are tuned for family vacationers. For example, six miles east of Lancaster you can tour an Amish farm where you will see how the Amish live, the types of old-fashioned clothing they wear, how they operate their farms — raising sheep, canning vegetables and even baking in brick ovens.

Or you can visit a modern Mennonite farm to watch them milk cows with the latest electrical milking machines, see the latest in farm sanitation developments, and even arrange to board at such a farm for a few days.

Because not so many years ago Lancaster County had one of the main watchmaking industries in the United States, you can now visit the Museum of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors at 514 Poplar St. in nearby Columbia. Here is everything from church tower clocks to electronic watches, and even an atomic clock.

If you like trains, there is an amazing miniature train layout in the Choo Choo Barn at the adjacent town of Strasburg, where more than a dozen model railroads are operating at once in Amish country background. You can also ride an old-time steam train between Strasburg and Paradise, a 45-minute ride, in old wooden railroad coaches. There are notices asking "passengers to refrain from spitting tobacco on stoves" and a warning "positively no shooting of pheasants or cattle from train."

To complete the train topic there is a Toy Train Museum in Strasburg.

Lancaster County has many more attractions including a variety of outlet stores and farmers' markets. There are old inns and motels, many good small restaurants, and small bakeries, including one where you watch pretzel-baking in 200-year-old ovens.

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Warm Jewish community

Rochester JCC a must visit

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

ROCHESTER, NY — A warm, high-profile Jewish community awaits visitors to this friendly, cosmopolitan city just south of the Canadian border.

And synagogues, kosher food and other Jewish services are all available just like home. There's also the popular Jewish Community Center with Sunday tours for visitors.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 of the Rochester area's more than 970,000 residents are Jewish, says Elaine Babbin, of Personal Tours of Rochester.

Most of the community lives in the surburban area of Brighton, just southeast of the city's downtown, she says.

Rochester has five Orthodox synagogues as well as four Conservative and four Reform shuls.

There are also three Jewish restaurants and delicatessens, including Cafe International on Monroe Ave., and Fox's Kosher Restaurant & Delicatessen on Winton Rd. S.

Jason's Place at the JCC on Edgewood Ave. in Brighton, like many other kosher food services in the city, is under the supervision of the Rochester Hebrew Dietary Association.

Rochester also has two kosher meat markets — Goronkin's on East Ridge Rd., and Lipman's on Monroe Ave. There are also six Jewish bakeries, including three under RHDA supervision — Israel's on North Clinton Ave., Lea Malek's on Monroe and Quality Bakery on Joseph Ave.

And for those planning banquets and other affairs during their holiday, Rochester has three caterers overseen by RHDA — Bardy at (716) 271-6948, Bittker at (716) 473-7635, and All-Kosher Catering by Lorraine Weisbond at (716) 334-1614. A fourth Jewish caterer, Milk and Honey Catering, tel. (716) 442-6074, is not under RHDA supervision.

Rochester's Jewish community also boasts a mikveh at Mikveh Beth Hatvilah on St. Regis Drive, three libraries with Jewish books, a Jewish newspaper, Jewish counselling services, and special programs for singles, including the popular Mitzvah Makers dating service at (716) 461-5176.

For more information, call the JCC at (716) 461-2000 or the Rochester Jewish Community Federation at (716) 461-0490.

Hydro stations provide tours all summer

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• The Saunders energy information centre, just west of Cornwall on the St. Lawrence River, is in a glass-enclosed gallery above the R. H. Saunders Hydro-electric generating station. The centre is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during July and August. Take Power Dam Drive off Highway 401 East, to the St. Lawrence river. Telephone: (613) 938-1518.

• The Pickering energy information centre, at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station east of Toronto, is open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take the Brock Road exit at Pickering south from Highway 401 and follow the signs.

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• The Bruce Nuclear power development information centre is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bus tours of the power development, on Lake Huron, are available seven times daily through July and August. Take Highway 21 from Kincardine to just north of Tiverton, then follow the signs.

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Gourmet white kit., ceramic foyer, dark oak parquet flrs., skylight. Master w/Jacuzzi, w/o lower level. Interlocking drive & patio. Spectacular design. Custom built. $489,900. D. Weiser/J. Maguire 226-1987.

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On lg. lot, 3 bdrm. bung., in-law apt., sep. entrance. ++ Joe Salomon, 226-9770.

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Super 2 storey, lg. bright eat-in kitch., 5 appl., ++ Joe Salomon, 226-9770.

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Bathurst-Steeles, 6 rm., 3 bdrm., deck, air, 5 appls., near park, eat-in kitch. Ray Green, 226-9770.

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Spacious 4 bdrm, 3 baths, Updated,secluded garden.
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London - UWO Students - Beautifully renovated 5 bedroom, 2 baths, 3 levels. Close to synagogues, shops, bus. 12 month lease. References. Michael 416-785-5782 or Ronit 519-433-5732 or 519-686-0022.

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- **Hemispheres II.** 2 bd. + den + sunrm., corner, vacant.
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5 Condominiums For Sale

- **7460 Bathurst.** "Grenoble" model, 2nd fl. Dillon Jones 731-7111.
- **7460 Bathurst.** "Limoges" model, 10th flr. Mike James, 731-7111.
- **Courtland.** 2 bd., balc., corner. $199,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **175 Hilda.** 3 bd., S. Expos., great view, Andy Reti, 731-7111.
- **Tangreen Crt.** Yonge/Steeles, 2 bd., 2 car, $169,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **343 Clark.** 2 bd., corner balc. Vera Vadas 731-7111.
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6 Condominiums For Rent

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Bathurst/Clark - 2 bedroom, 5 appliances. $1,200/month. 633-3732, 485-6336.

100 Antibes - 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. North-east corner. Reasonable. Available October 1st. 665-2720.

6 Condominiums For Rent

Clark/Hilda - Conservatory - 1 bedroom, 2nd floor, 5 appliances, parking. $1,000. 764-7674.

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10 Accommodation Wanted

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10 Accommodation Wanted

Responsible woman wishes to share two bedroom/two bathroom apartment. Call 633-8908 (leave message on machine).

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12 Apartments For Rent

Mount Pleasant-Eglinton. Cozy modern self-contained bachelor. Separate entrance. Quiet non-smoker. $600. 783-8627.

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Bathurst/Glencairn - Newly renovated, furnished, bright, large basement apartment. Parking, separate entrance. Close to TTC. Single female preferred, non-smoker. 486-5263.

13 Cottages For Rent

Belle Ewart - Lakefront, 4 bedroom, available August. $2,400. Also adjoining small efficiency cottage. $650. 782-4133 or 705-456-2749. No sabbath calls.

17 Florida Property For Rent

Sunny Isles - North Miami Beach - On Intercoastal Waterway - 2 bedrooms, dining and living room, 2 baths, Kosher kitchen with separate dinette, fully furnished, move-in condition. Pool, Jacuzzi, sauna on premises. Near synagogues and beach. Seasonal or long-term considered. 1-516-239-7151, 1-305-935-6570.

18 Florida Property For Sale

Hallandale - Condo, 1,100 sq. ft., prestigious complex, ocean side, corner Hallandale & Hollywood. Amenities include Olympic pool, tennis, restaurant, salon, owners social activities club. Comb. living/dining room 26x14, Bedroom 18x12, 2 bathrooms, upgraded appliances. Furnished. $112,000 Canadian or best offer. Imm. occupancy. 483-1919.

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20 Florida Accommodation Wanted

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Florida - 2 bedroom apartment needed for any 2 winter months. References available. 636-2711.

21 Israel Properties

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Geller-Keshen, Beatrice on July 4, 1988, late of 3270 Bathurst St., #205.
London, Molly on July 10, 1988, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home.
Lowy, Vilmos on July 9, 1988, late of 225 St. George St.
Moldaver, Bertha on July 4, 1988, late of 122 Alexis Blvd.
Menashy, Sherry on July 8, 1988, late of 49 Evergreen Cr.
Merker, Anne on July 7, 1988, late of 10982 Roebling Ave., #405, California.
Sniderman, Rose on July 9, 1988, late of 14 West Water Drive.
Talmage, Frank on July 10, 1988, late of 3555 Bathurst St., #801.
Walker, Hilda on July 10, 1988, late of #2 Sandow, Leisure World.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

51 Unveilings

Grace - The unveiling of the monument in memory of the late beloved **Auble David Grace,** dear husband of Eilene, father and father-in-law of Harold and Cathy, Regina and Hope and David Finnimore, grandfather of Jeffrey, brother and brother-in-law of Ben and Molly of London, Ontario, will take place Sunday, July 31st, 1988, 11:30 A.M. at Pardes Shalom Cemetery, Community Section, Dufferin North of Major Mackenzie. Relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Wallace Maning Fram on July 2nd, 1988. Will be remembered by his sons David Andrew and James Adam and his granddaughter Jessica Fram.

North of Steeles

Uplands Golf Course to become public park

By
BEN ROSE

VAUGHAN, Ont. — About 80 acres of the Uplands Golf Course is to become the largest town-owned public park in Vaughan at the end of October.

That's when the town is scheduled to take possession of the 23 acres it acquired for $6.2 million, plus 60 acres of valley land. This purchase followed months of wrangling on what should happen to the golf course which is on Yonge St., 1.5 miles north of Steeles Ave. The deal was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and the Thornhill-Vaughan Ratepayers Association.

The developer who had purchased the property, Rudy Bratty (Bond Street Investments) will retain 60 acres of table land and plans to build substantial homes on half-acre lots.

Unrestricted access

The pay-as-you-play course will continue in operation this year. There is even a possibility that Vaughan will operate a golf course on its 80 acres, on its own, or through an agreement with the present lessee. There is a good chance that the junior ski lift for downhill and cross-country skiing will operate this winter as before.

As far as the golf idea is concerned, Scott Somerville, the town administrator, says it is just in the talking stage so far and has yet to be put forward to the residents or Vaughan council.

Mayor Lorna Jackson, who has supported the park idea from the start says the proposal under consideration is for a par 3 executive course or a 9-hole layout as opposed to the present 18. There is also some support for an 18-hole course, the mayor said, and this would require the town to purchase additional land from the provincial government.

The mayor said children's camps will be run in the park in summer. "The idea is to keep it as a natural area for walkers and hikers, and there certainly won't be any soccer fields or baseball fields," Mayor Jackson said.

At any rate, what is certain is that the public will have unrestricted access to the town's 80 acres by the end of October, Somerville said, providing there is no hitch in closing the deal for part of the historic course.

Park space is urgently needed in Thornhill because the region is so densely populated, Councillor David Chapley told The CJN. He said he has supported a park for Uplands from the beginning. The final deal was approved by council on a 4-2 vote.

Recreation areas are badly needed in Vaughan, Chapley said, because it is the fastest growing municipality in Canada and ward 3 which he represents will probably almost double its 40,000 population within five years.

The Uplands situation raises echoes of the controversy which surrounded acquiring York Downs Golf Club by North York through expropriation by Metro. Earl Bales Park, which resulted from that action, is used intensively by North York residents.

At that time, Chapley said, the province contributed a large amount of money to finance the expropriation. But Vaughan was turned down when it approached the province for help in funding the Uplands purchase, he said.

Vaughan financed the $6.2 million purchase from its $10 million park reserve fund to which developers pay a fee in lieu of turning over the parkland required under zoning regulations.

There are no plans yet to build any facilities in Uplands such as a community centre for seniors, Somerville said. It is a safe bet to rule out any major construction in the new park, he added.

"We're just getting our ideas together. Remember we're totally new at this," the town administrator said.

The controversy over the future of Uplands drew the attention of the Lubavitchers and they hired Arnie Gotfried as their ecologist consultant, Chapley said, to make sure the valley lands were protected and that there would be public access.

One of the ticklish questions that had to be settled was whether the developer would have to turn over the 60 acres of valley lands to the town, even if no agreement was reached on purchase of part of the table land. The advice the town got from its outside lawyer, Jane Pepino, vice-chairman of the Metro Police Commission, was that it was not certain that provincial legislation would require the developer to do so, Chapley said. This lent impetus to negotiators to reach an agreement.

City of Toronto

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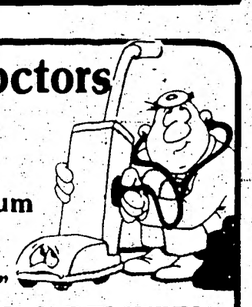
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Soviet Jewry activities

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

Work on behalf of Soviet Jewry is increasing in the Thornhill-Richmond Hill area, as the Jewish community continues to move north.

"Soviet Jewry is a prominent issue in the Jewish community, so it's also reflected in the north of Toronto community," says Ben Prossin, Ontario Region Soviet Jewry director for Canadian Jewish Congress.

As a result, many people living north of Steeles have become increasingly involved in Soviet Jewry projects through the many groups, committees and synagogues that have sprung up in the area, Prossin says.

Here's a sample of the efforts and activities being conducted by synagogues and organizations on behalf of Soviet Jewry:

Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation:

This growing Thornhill synagogue boasts an active 19-member Soviet Jewry committee co-chaired by Julie Starr (tel. 881-5788), Murray Moskovitz and his wife, Rene (tel. 731-3526).

The committee was recently in the throes of adopting a new Refusenik family after its former adopted family — Benjamin Charny and his wife, Yadwiga, of Moscow — received permission to emigrate.

B'nai B'rith Canada:

The 200-member Thornhill lodge has long been active in the Soviet Jewry cause, and is currently lobbying to get emigration permission for its adopted Refusenik family.

Many of the north of Steeles area's individual BB members — almost 1,000 have moved there from lodges all over the city — are also involved in letter writing campaigns to help win exit visas for Refuseniks.

For more information, call Danita Dubinsky-Aziza at BB Canada at 633-6224.

B'nai Shalom North Congregation:

Some bar and bat mitzvah candidates at this Vaughan-Thornhill area shul are twinned with similar-aged Refusenik youngsters in the Soviet Union.

The shul also helps publicize Soviet Jewry activities and events being held elsewhere in the community.

For more information, call the shul at 731-2797.

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill:

This 100-family congregation recently adopted Leningrad Refuseniks Alexander Zapesochny, 42, his wife, Naima, 41, and their 19-year-old daughter, Yulia.

For more information, call 884-3353.

Temple Har Zion:

This Thornhill synagogue's sisterhood recently adopted a Leningrad Refusenik family.

For more information, call 889-2252 and leave a message for Laya Levine, the sisterhood's social action coordinator.

Business Outlook

Financial seminar stresses need for planning

The following article, the first of two, was prepared specially for The CJN by the Toronto Jewish Congress.

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TORONTO—

Planning was the theme of the Update 88 seminar, sponsored by Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund.

The importance of tax and estate planning, particularly during this period of major legislative changes, was stressed at the seminar for tax lawyers, accountants and life underwriters.

Michael Cadesky, a tax partner at Mintz & Partners, said the tax system is "getting meaner." There is increased need for advisers to make certain that their clients understand the reasons to organize their companies to take best advantage of tax opportunities.

Using a cartoon illustrating the "game of tax — taxopoly," Cadesky showed some of the possible confusion arising from changing tax laws for small businesses and their owners. He commented that the confusion may lessen somewhat as the crusade against tax exemptions seems to be nearing an end — "more than two million loopholes have been closed."

Lawrence Teltscher, a partner at Touche Ross, addressed the issue of changing tax laws for automobiles and the urgent need for advisers to be apprised of new developments. While June 17, 1987 is an important date for specific rules, Teltscher said that planning advisers should understand the overall direction of the new laws and direct their clients accordingly.

Lorne Wolfson, a partner in the law firm of Torkin, Cohen & Arbus, discussed the Family Law Act and its ramifications on a family-owned business.

"A marriage contract may be the best way to go, but the process is very stressful."

The family law specialist said advisers must consider legal, financial and personal issues when planning the future of a small business and how it can be affected by changes in either business or marriage.

"The Family Law Act takes priority over most other documents."

Keynote speaker Wolfe Goodman, senior partner of Goodman & Carr, used a model of one family to take his listeners through the various scenarios that could occur involving family business succession.

He spoke of the problem that may arise when only one sibling plays an active role in a business but all want the same stake and benefit. He reviewed the organizational, tax and planning options available to the astute owner.

Just as there is a need for sound family financial planning, in the same way there is a need for community planning, he said. Goodman recently returned from a trip to Cairo, Egypt, and reported on the total decline of a vibrant Jewish community. A strong endowment fund could be useful in helping with the essential program needed in that situation — resettlement.

He urged the financial advisors to use their influence with clients to seek support for the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund.

Israel to start offshore drilling

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The long search for oil in Israel will continue, and for the first time, it will involve offshore drilling as well.

Oil magnate Armand Hammer announced at a news conference recently he had signed a $25 million deal with Israel's energy ministry, and would begin building Israel's first offshore drilling rig on a platform some 10 miles off the Tel Aviv coastline. The government will pay 34% of the cost.

The platform, to be operated by Hammer's Occidental Petroleum Co., is expected to begin operation by the end of the year.

Hammer also visited for a half-hour with ex-Prime Minister Menachem Begin at his Jerusalem home. Hammer is one of the few outsiders whom Begin entertains at his apartment, which has become his veritable hermitage since he quit office in 1983.

Hammer told reporters he urged the former Premier to begin writing his memoirs soon, and that he had found Begin in good health.

At an earlier news conference, Hammer said Occidental's oil geologists indicate there could be a billion barrels of oil under the sea floor in Israeli waters at a depth of about 17,000 feet.

The offshore well he proposes to dig will be the deepest even in Israel's long and mostly fruitless search for oil.

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Development boom spawns luxury hotels

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

The explosion of development currently underway near the intersection of Highways 7 and 404 has spawned the growth of a number of luxury hotels, catering to the lucrative business and tourist markets.

Four major hotels — the Sheraton Parkway and the Chimo Hotel which are already in operation, and the Valhalla Inn and Markham Suites which are in the building and planning stages respectively — are geared up to handle what they expect to be a flood of corporate and tourist clients.

"The Highway 7-404 intersection will see a staggering amount of development in the next five years," said Brian Rowe, executive-vice president of Peter L. Mason Limited, an investment realty firm.

The company is overseeing the development of a $25 million Valhalla Inn, to be located inside the $120 million President's Choice office complex.

As well as the many "prestige" developments now operating or underway in the area, there is "a shift in the development emphasis led by the five major banks," that will make the Markham area even more attractive, Rowe said.

All five banks have corporate/commercial premises on Highway 7 now, Rowe said, allowing business people to fill all their banking needs without having to go downtown.

As a result, prominent law and accounting firms are opening full-service offices, headed by senior partners, so companies "can do everything in Markham."

The new hotels will also have something to offer local residents, with catering facilities, fine restaurants and health clubs, some of which will offer memberships to the public.

Here's a look at the four major hotels, and the services and facilities each will provide:

Sheraton Parkway:

"The Parkway Motel has died — long live the Sheraton Parkway," says Larry Parisien, hotel director of sales and marketing.

The Parkway Motel, located near Leslie St. and Highway 7, opened in 1976. It was purchased by Captain Developments several years later and opened in late 1986 as a Sheraton. Some expansion has already been completed, and a great deal more is in the works.

There are currently 215 rooms, soon to be 375, Parisien said, including a new tower which will consist of 60% suites, 40% deluxe rooms.

The hotel is part of a commercial-retail development with 1 million sq. ft. of available space. A retail mall will be connected to the hotel.

Already connected is the Sharif Khan Racquet Club, a private club whose facilities are available to hotel guests.

By the time the whole thing is finished in the fall of 1989, the Sheraton Parkway will have convention and catering facilities for 700-800 people. Currently, function rooms can handle from six to 550 guests.

"This (the Highway 7-404 area) is one of the fastest growing commercial developments in North America," said Parisien.

"It's not only the number of companies relocating but the kind of prestige, head-office type development that we are seeing. It's what we are ideally set up to handle."

Chimo Hotel:

Open for three years now in its location on Woodbine Ave., just north of Steeles, the Chimo Hotel features 285 rooms, 30 of them suites, and meeting facilities for up to 400.

Catering coordinator Sharon Mooney says the hotel can facilitate banquets for up to 350 guests, and dinner dances for 250.

"Our biggest clientele is corporate. Many of the companies just don't have the meeting space, and with so many located within a 5-mile radius we're in a good location," Mooney said.

There are 15 meeting rooms in the hotel, as well as two restaurants. Quincy's, a popular lunch spot, is open all day, while the Berczy Room serves French cuisine for lunch and dinner.

People who live in the area can buy a certificate entitling them to use the Chimo Hotel's indoor pool, sauna and exercise room. Call the hotel at (416) 474-0444 for details.

Markham Suites Hotel:

Opening in mid-October, the Markham Suites Hotel is designed for the executive or the upscale tourist.

There will be no single rooms at this hotel — all 332 suites contain at least two rooms, with an array of spaces and styles available.

There will be two working desks in each room, a sitting area for meetings or relaxing, and a marble bathroom with a large European-style tub. A television and phone will be standard in each room of the suite.

For the business traveler there will be a computer access line in each room, with personal computers and fax machines available to communicate with head office or other businesses.

Meeting rooms have been given prime space on the 1st and 2nd floors, and feature bay windows overlooking a Japanese garden.

Six thousand sq. ft. of space has been reserved for business exhibitions.

Jillian Jarvis, director of marketing and sales for Markham Suites, said great pains have been taken to ensure the completed hotel "is a 5-star for sure."

The chef, hired away from the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, has been on staff since January, preparing recipes.

Jarvis said the recreational facilities at Markham Suites, appropriately dubbed Club Markham, "is the shape of fitness to come."

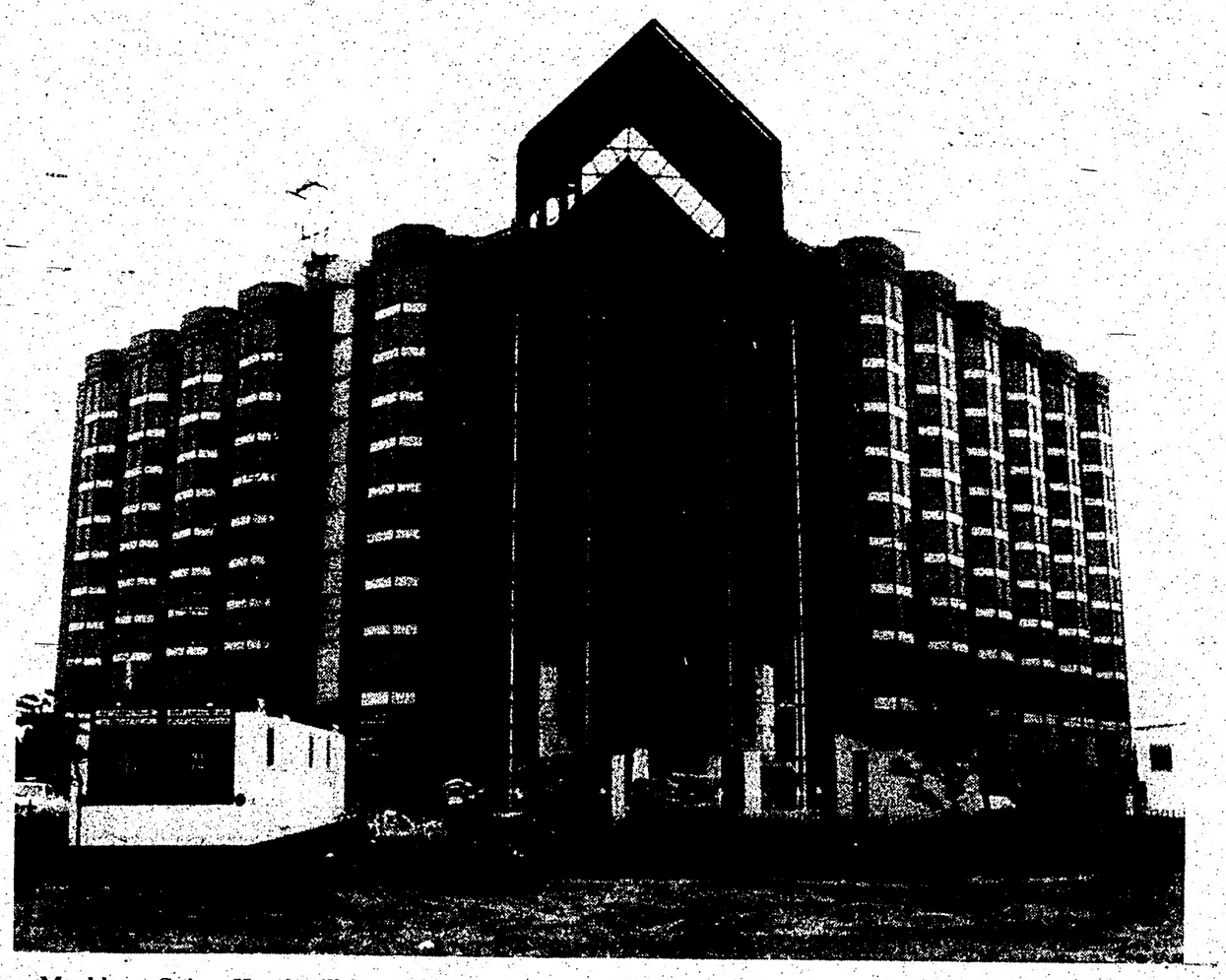
Among the features will be an on-staff masseuse, masseur and esthetician, five squash courts, an aerobics area and more. Outside memberships are available.

Valhalla Inn:

This year marks Valhalla Inn's 25th anniversary, and they are marking that event by building a $25-million luxury hotel at 404 and 7. Construction will begin in the fall and is expected to be completed by September 1989.

Of the 208 rooms, 32 will be suites, and facilities will include a 100-seat restaurant, a bar, fitness area, swimming pool and games room.

Convention facilities will accommodate up to 650 people.



Markham Suites Hotel will boast 332 suites when it opens for business this fall. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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